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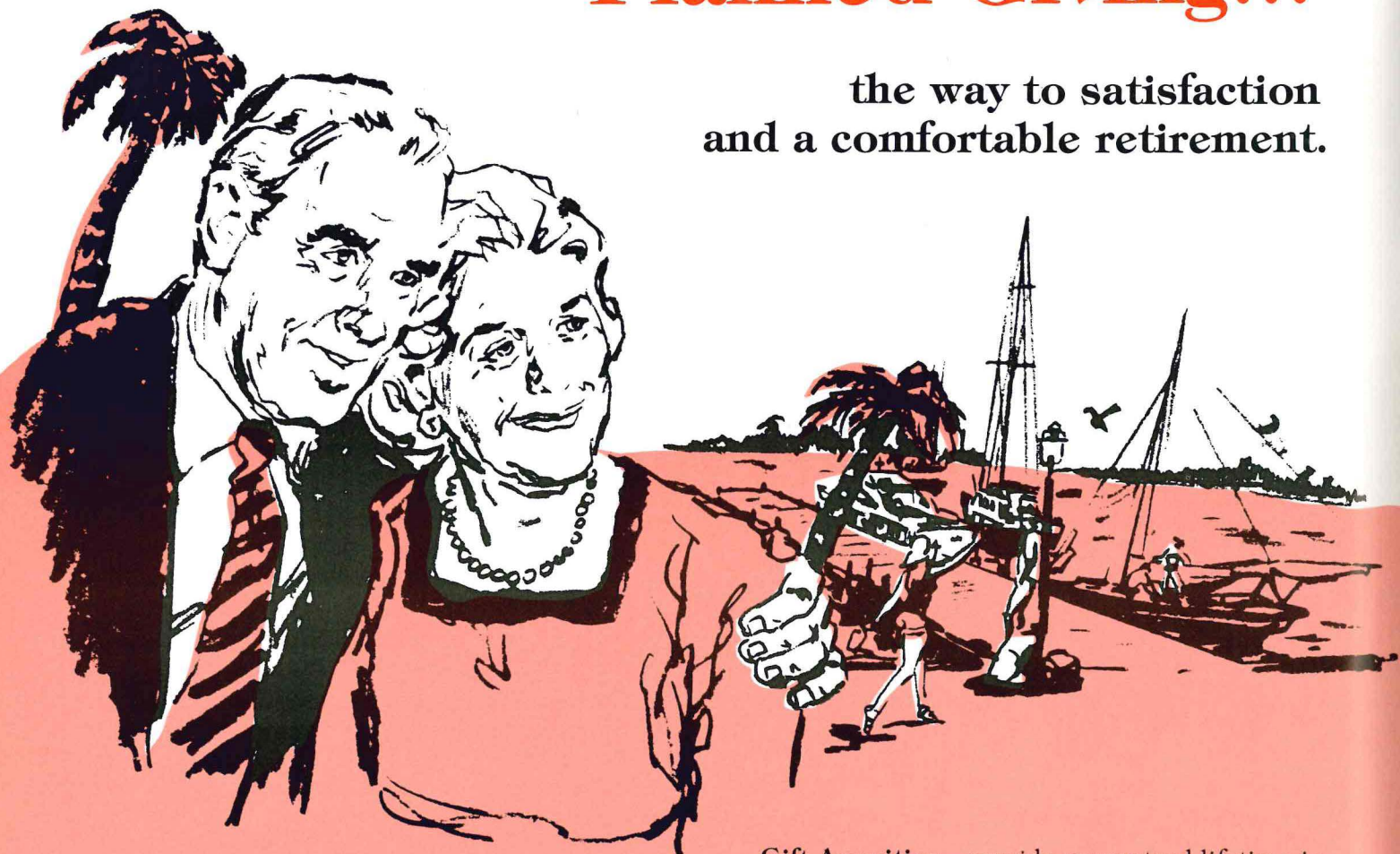
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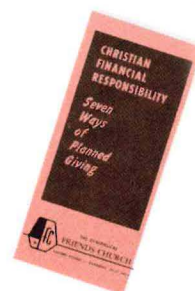
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A fall rural scene in historic New England.
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Antecedents

In spite of this year's crop failures, there is little doubt an abundance of food will be on most American tables this Thanksgiving. Thanks be to God! While we enjoy our bounty, however, remember that one-half billion of earth's four billion people suffer from some sort of hunger.

The world's food shortage problems and solutions are too complex to detail here. Even if I had space and knowledge to do so, I would not have the right to *dictate* what others should do, but may I *suggest* several things?

1. Read about the present world food crisis—the statistics of starvation that stagger one's mind. Study the possible solutions. As the World Food Conference meets in Rome this month, the mass media will provide an abundance of statistics and stories on the subject.

2. In the light of this study, analyze our own life-style in regard to eating habits, nutrition, responsibility to others, and the spending of our money. These are very personal items. In no way can we dictate to another in this area.

3. Give our money. Whether it is for direct food donations, the digging of wells, the buying of fertilizer, money is *one* answer, especially as it is given through reputable agencies.

4. Reread the article on page 9 of October's EVANGELICAL FRIEND and the box on page 4 of this issue.

What would happen if every family in the EFA would give the cost of one "dinner out" to WRC's Thanksgiving offering?
—H.T.A.

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The Face of the World



The EVANGELICAL FRIEND neither endorses nor necessarily approves subject matter used in Face of the World, but simply tries to publish material of general interest to Friends. —The Editors

SCRIPTURE READING PROGRAM DISTRIBUTED FOR 1975

WHEATON, ILLINOIS—An NAE-sponsored national program to encourage daily reading of the Bible in 1975 is now being prepared, according to Dr. Billy A. Melvin, NAE executive director.

"This year the reading guides are available on a read-it-through program and also a read-and-study approach," Melvin said. The first plan lists the entire Bible in daily selections grouped chronologically. The second plan is a daily listing of Scripture passages with a study guide. Both guides are printed in a two-color bookmark format with spaces provided to mark off selections read.

Churches across the country are being encouraged to order the Bible reading guides in quantity for the use of their members and distribution within the community. —E.P.

TENNESSEE SUPREME COURT CLARIFIES SCOPE OF BAPTISTS' TAX EXEMPTION

NASHVILLE—A Tennessee Supreme Court ruling on the property tax exemption of church-owned publishing agencies here is apparently not as narrow as first thought.

In a response to a petition from the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, the State High Court said property is nontaxable if it is used for activities having institutional (denominational) authorization.

A ruling handed down in June seemed to imply that Sunday School Board property would be exempt only if it was used for specifically denomination-related activities.

The June decision applied both to the Southern Baptist operation and to the United Methodist Publishing House. It

was initially feared that property of the two firms used for religion-in-general or for ecumenical projects might not qualify for exemption. —E.P.

FREE METHODISTS PLAN SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT VACATIONS

WINONA LAKE, INDIANA—Outdoor recreation is the key factor in a new vacationing adventure planned for the spiritual refreshment and marriage enrichment of Free Methodist couples next spring.

Family Life Ministries of the denomination will arrange a trip down the Green River in Utah on a giant raft.

Each morning of the trip, the Rev. G. Roger Schoenhals, editorial director of the Free Methodist Publishing House here, will lead a Bible study for the couples. —E.P.

LCA ISSUES GUIDELINES ON CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT

MINNEAPOLIS—A set of guidelines for dealing with the charismatic movement is being offered to the 6,000 congregations of the 3.2 million-member Lutheran Church in America.

The guidelines, which were developed by the LCA's Division of Parish Services and accepted as information at the church's Baltimore convention in July, welcome the charismatic movement as a

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WRC Thanksgiving offering to aid famine victims

This fall's fund drive by the World Relief Commission will help provide the basics of food and water "in the Lord's name" for people in the famine-ravaged areas of the African Sub-Sahara.

The continuing drought stretches 4,000 miles across Africa from Senegal to Ethiopia. For six years the rains have failed, and the Sahara Desert is moving south at the rate of 50 miles a year. The people of the Sahel have long since consumed the seed for this year's crops. An estimated 17 million men, women, and children are threatened by starvation and disease, according to WRC figures.

Churches in the Evangelical Friends Alliance are planning to share largely in this year's WRC relief program by receiving special "Thanksgiving Offerings" late in November. EFA officials are hoping and praying for a record-breaking response to this tremendous need—at least \$1.00 per attendee.

Over the Teacup



Coming home

BY CATHERINE CATTELL

Hello, we are back home again, eager to have you in for a chat over a cup of tea. *Coming home* has such a wonderful sound to me, like return to a loved and familiar place, to dear ones waiting—a place where we have lived and the family remembers with nostalgia, a place to which they may return with excitement and great anticipation.

I have loved all the places we have called home, and they have been real homes to us, but none of them were ever really ours. We have lived in parsonages, mission houses, servants' quarters, rented quarters, a college home, a Princeton Seminary apartment, and a house rented by the Evangelical Seminary in Taiwan.

Because these homes were not ours, there has always been someone to come to our rescue when the house needed whitewashing, or the water flooded the basement, or the white ants ate through the floor boards, or the drains got clogged. There was always a maintenance man, or there were trustees—at least someone to call in the places around the world we have had the privilege of calling home. I am grateful to them all. I will think of them—Indian, American, and Chinese—many times as we struggle to "do it ourselves" in the place we are learning to call home.

Our neighbors next door have lived where they are now for 50 years. It sounds so solid, and I wonder how it would be to have an established home for many years. What roots the children and grandchildren must have! When I am tempted to wish for permanence, I remember—this world was not really intended to be a permanent home. Our roots, though transplanted again and again, go very deep, and our solidarity is not in how long we lived in one place but in how well we have lived and how much richness we have gathered and shared.

So now, for the first time in 47 years, we have come home to our own little house, and we put our own little things in it to make it seem like home. We have

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Spiritual highs and spiritual lows

Here is a quote from a remarkably successful young Friends pastor: "I am appalled whenever I return from Yearly Meeting after talking to some of the pastors who seem to be discouraged and frustrated and who can see only problems instead of opportunities . . . When I talk to these 'discouraged' men, the thing that seems to be lacking is a vision or the ability to put legs to their vision."

It is not a new problem. The apostle Paul traveled with Barnabas when he could because Barnabas was known everywhere in the Yearly Meeting as an *encourager of the brethren*. Apparently, it is a long-standing tendency for us to get discouraged, and God raises up a few men like Barnabas in each generation to handle the problem. Many of the church growth conferences, the laymen retreats, and in fact the old "revivals" were simply to get people encouraged again. When morale is high, God can do great things.

The Scriptures are replete with graphic examples: Elijah on Mt. Carmel was invincible; Elijah, later, in the cave was the same man with a terrible case of discouragement. This tendency to the same extremes among Christians, and particularly pastors, exists today—the very enthusiastic and the very discouraged. Only a few march consistently through the middle ground between these polarities. We are either like the disciples shuffling dejectedly along the Emmaus road, or like the disciples rushing out of the upper room after Pentecost.

Upon being asked to give one word to describe an attractive Christian or church, Paul Rees says, "Radiance." Radiance is not an option but an essential. It is possible to talk only a few minutes with a pastor or elder and determine, without ever visiting their meeting, whether the church is happy or discouraged. Most of the beatitudes start, you remember, with "Blessed [or happy] is" The one common experience found in a growing, effective church is the sense of joy, fun in fellowship, the looking-forward-to-being-togetherness.

And this is essentially a reflection of a few key leaders of the meeting who deliberately decide to be that way by the grace of God. (Note the article by the late Walter R. Williams on page 11.)

But enthusiasm and radiance are not easily faked or mechanically produced. They may be learned. Paul put it clearly in Philippians 4, "And now finally, brothers, as I close this letter let me say one more thing: Fix your thoughts on what is true and good and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely, and dwell on the fine, good things in others. Think about all you can praise God for and be glad about. Keep putting [this] into practice . . . and the God of peace will be with you." (LB) Let this become the basic attitude of a pastor and soon it will be that of those who know him, and eventually the character of the church. This is what Christianity is all about—enabling men to meet life, for "greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." This is the greatest wisdom of all, the wisdom of winsome, quiet, optimistic faith.

Lloyd Ogilvie, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Hollywood, California, and chairman of the Board of Directors for *Faith at Work*, writes that "there are five questions which I ask myself [in relation to his church]:

"1. What are the kind of people the church exists to deploy in the world?

"2. What kind of a church makes possible that kind of a person?

"3. What kind of team or officers makes possible that kind of a local church?

"4. What kind of pastor or leadership-enabler makes possible that kind of a church in order to deploy in the world that quality of life?

"5. What kind of a relational experience, what kind of authenticating, liberating experience must happen in the life of a pastor to make him that kind of an enabler to set free that kind of officer to dare to develop that kind of a church in order to put out into the world that

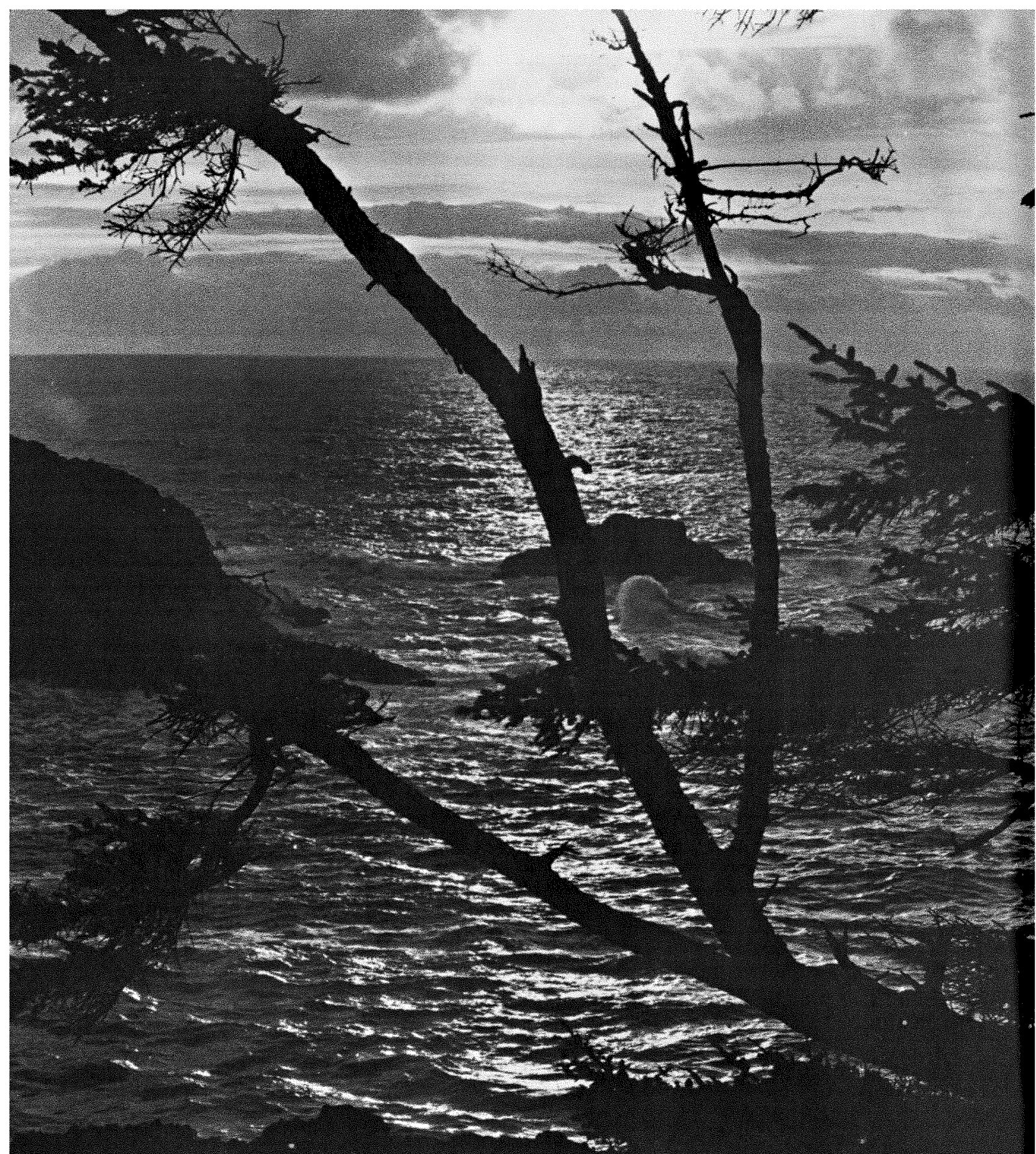
kind of a person?" (*Faith at Work*, August, 1973, p. 11)

In a way, to acknowledge discouragement is a good sign. To try to cover it up, to play as if it isn't true, or to role play a form of Christianity that is not authentic may be one of the most subtle dangers of all—and the real root of discouragement itself. Do you suppose Barnabas was so welcome everywhere because there was about him a spirit of acceptance of others, without judging? He had a love that touched people in a spirit of honesty at the personal level rather than the professional aloofness that Paul may have had to maintain. Pastors need the encouragement of a Barnabas, which is a special kind of leadership.

While on the mission field, it was interesting to observe the emergence of church leaders in an entirely indigenous situation. Most of the named pastors were nearly illiterate, able laboriously to read out a few verses of Scripture. But inevitably there would be found in each fellowship someone with the gift of encouraging others in the faith. Sometimes it was only a boy of 12 who could read and had the ability to express himself; sometimes it was grandpa whose life of paternalistic influence carried over into the church his new found faith; sometimes it was a woman who was loved and respected for what she was as a person. These individuals seldom carried official designation but were the God-made people enthusiastically supporting others.

Every church does have problems, but God can help us also to see the opportunities. Dr. Ted Engstrom of World Vision puts it, "A negative thinking pastor sees the difficulties in every opportunity; the positive pastor sees an opportunity in every difficulty." E. Stanley Jones describes the early church, "They did not say, 'See what the world is coming to?' but exclaimed, 'See what has come to the world!'"

To maintain this posture is a way of life, not a quickie conference or retreat—although both are needed. —J.L.W.



"But if we are living in the light of God's presence, just as Christ does, then we have wonderful fellowship and joy with each other, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from every sin."

—1 John 1:7, *Living Bible*

To walk as He walked

For the past four years I have been investigating a possible career in engineering. At this time I look forward to serving in a career of mechanical engineering. Since I am a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, some people have suggested that I become a church pastor. But it seems to me that the Spirit is leading me into a vocation of service to those people who do not attend a church. (See Romans 10:12-14 Phillips.)

I would like to set forth what the terms *Jew* and *Greek* mean to me as I will use them. *Jew* means the churchgoers, and *Greek* means the nonchurchgoers, for both need to have Christ proclaimed to them. What does the word *hear* mean? Hearing is not only the mechanism of the ear receiving the message that has been sent, but it is also the comprehension and understanding of that message. A message can be comprehended only if it is communicated in a manner the receiver understands. Unfortunately, too many people (both Christian and non-Christian) hold the misconception that Christianity and science are at odds with one another and are incapable of any meaningful exchange.

It excites me when I discover that the Creator, the master designer, is alive and well in both mathematics and science, and that math and science are as much His "thing" as a worship service; His love has no qualifications placed upon it. My desired goal, then, is to *communicate* Jesus Christ to those with whom I am associated, especially those in my engineering career.

With this goal in mind then, what steps must be taken to attain it? One principle I have held in my life is to do anything and everything to the best of my ability. If my ability is not good enough, I improve it. If that still does not do the job, I call on other resources. I have always tried to avail myself of the best opportunities—not the average or even the above average, but the best. In order to be the best engineer that I possibly can, I must have an outstanding

education (in the traditional sense of engineering education).

As I am now finishing high school with a strong background in science and math, the next step is a college education toward a Bachelor of Science degree. It was at Oregon Beaver Boys State in June 1973 that I first became interested in the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. I figured that if anyone ought to have an outstanding engineering program with all the financing and equipment, it ought to be the military. Besides, after the fine formal education I would have a guaranteed job. Upon leaving the Navy I would have an outstanding education with on-the-job training; I would be well set financially and should be in fairly decent physical condition.

The Naval Academy offered many other advantages and benefits and would have prepared me to be a disciplined and outstanding engineer. Because of the above reasons, I accepted a nomination from Representative Wendall Wyatt, and a nomination from Senator Robert Packwood. I not only accepted, but informed them that I was enthusiastic and had no reservations about it. And that was the truth, too—at that time. It seems that whenever I say: "I am for *sure* going to do . . . !" the good Shepherd has a way of saying: "Really?" That not only stops me dead in my tracks, but it makes me think and be *certain* that the tracks I am about to make are the same ones that He Himself would make. If they are not the same, I change direction, making His path the path I choose to travel. It seems I have the capacity to make mistakes, and that is why I always reserve the right to discover that I am wrong and to correct myself.

As I considered once again my goal and asked myself if the Naval Academy would be the *best* education to help me be the best engineer that I could be, I decided that it would. Would the Academy, rather than another college, best prepare me to communicate Christ? I decided that the Naval Academy probably would not meet the specification of

Paul Bishop is the youngest of six children of James and Elizabeth Bishop, active members of the Tigard Friends Church in Oregon. Paul graduated from Tigard High School in 1974 where he was student body president during his senior year. He is now studying at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This is a testimonial of prayerful decisions he made relating to his educational plans.

best in that area. Would Christ Himself choose the military as the best way to serve God and mankind? I am sure that He would not.

As I thought about my relationship with Christ, I began to understand things that before I had only known. God created man with a free will and in His own image. God loves man even more than He loves Himself. Originally, man and God had a perfect interrelationship, but every man has decided to "do his own thing," thus separating himself from the source—God. Therefore, man is powerless to reestablish the previous relationship. This is evidenced by all the violence, corruption, misunderstanding, greed, and perversion we see all around and in us.

Only God can provide the way by which man may choose to be brought back into intimate fellowship with Himself. God said of Jesus, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me."

I have personally accepted Jesus Christ as the way to be brought back into fellowship with God. "Therefore if any person is (ingrafted) in Christ . . . he is (a new creature altogether,) . . . the old (previous moral and spiritual condition) has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17 *Amplified*) "By this we may perceive . . . and be sure that we are in Him: Whoever says he abides in Him ought—as a personal debt—to walk and conduct himself in the same way in which He walked and conducted Himself." (1 John 2:5-6 *Amplified*)

Christ has often been referred to as the "Prince of Peace." Peace is not merely the absence of conflict; it is an active force working for the reconciliation of man to God and man to man. The peace that Christ gives to those who follow Him is nothing like the so-called "peace" that the world promises (and even then, seldom delivers). The "peace" of the world would more properly be termed a

standoff—fear of annihilation. That is not the peace of Christ. This message of Christ is found in Matthew 5:38-48 (see NEB).

The foundation of democracy is the principle that the individual is of utmost importance. True, democratic policy is determined by the majority, but the fact remains that the majority is made up of individuals. It is not possible for a democracy to remain consistent with itself and at the same time sanction the wholesale slaughter of multitudes of individuals. I do not believe that anything dependent upon personal life, liberty, or pursuit of happiness is worth taking another human life. I value only my life relationship with God through Jesus Christ, which is empowered by the Holy Spirit. The only defense that I must provide to keep this life is to rely on Christ and walk as He walked. The remainder is God's responsibility.

Jesus Christ loves all men regardless of ancestry, religious or political beliefs. Therefore I do not believe that violence is a legitimate defense. I believe that military force lends itself to violence and destruction rather than to peace and the benefit of all mankind. It is not justifiable as a means to an end, as violence has never brought true peace. I realize that there is violence because we do live in a world that is separated from God. The alternative to violence is to be a peacemaker. This requires much more of the individual, in fact so much so, that it is not possible to be a peacemaker (in the biblical sense) in your own strength without being divinely empowered. Even so, I as a "new creation" am constrained to walk as He walked (see Romans 12:1, 2 Phillips).

I am most sincerely grateful to my country, the United States of America, for the lavish opportunities she has provided. I would not wish her end, as long as she acknowledges her trust in and subjection to God. This acknowledgment is not the duty of the government but of each individual citizen. I realize (and submit to) the authority that the government has over me and that God has over the government. I zealously cherish the opportunity to correct my government, when wrong, and to enthusiastically support it when right. I desire to defend my country legitimately in the *best* way I can. Violence destroys those who enlist its aid; hence I would not defend my country by violent means, but by the peace of Christ. This defense would take the form of service to all mankind, as was Christ's example (Matthew 25:35, 36, 40 Phillips).

Do I demonstrate love for my enemy when I place an M16 bullet in his ribs, drop napalm on his wife and children, and defoliate his country? Remember

the Good Samaritan. To walk as He walked requires a sincere love. "The love I speak of is not our love for God, but the love he showed us in sending his Son as the remedy for the defilement of our sins." (1 John 4:10 NEB) Here, Lord, is my mule, my oil, my silver, my ability, and my time.

In joining the military I would have to release part of my responsibility for my actions to those in authority over me. I find this to conflict with God's Word: ". . . each of us will have to answer for himself." (Romans 14:12 NEB)

"And the effect of righteousness shall be peace [internal and external], and the result of righteousness, quietness and confident trust forever." (Isaiah 32:17 *Amplified*)

"When a man's ways please the Lord, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him." (Proverbs 16:7 *Amplified*)

"The Angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him—who revere and worship Him with awe; and each of them He delivers." (Psalm 34:7 *Amplified*)

For this cause I have declined my candidacy to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, with all due respect and sincere gratefulness for the encouragement, counsel, and patience of those who gave of their life to aid me in my life-changing decision. This statement is dedicated to them.

For my own guidance, I have made a rough outline of plans for my future through the year 1980 with steps that I will take to be able effectively to communicate Christ to those with whom I am associated and to be the best engineer possible.

This outline includes a possible year of study at a Christian college for personal enrichment, four years of study toward a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in mechanical engineering, and pursuit of a master's degree. (I have been offered admission at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, Massachusetts. MIT is for obvious reasons quite appealing; it is going to make this decision one of considerable thought.)

The above is only a rough outline of my educational outlook. Many things may and will happen between now and then, "Moreover we know that to those who love God, who are called according to his plan, everything that happens fits into a pattern for good." (Romans 8:28 Phillips) □

Since Paul Bishop wrote this article (March, 1974) God has led him in slightly different ways as he implied may happen. Paul entered MIT for the fall term of 1974 and is active in Christian work, including Lay Witness Missions.

Praying down the will of God

BY NORVAL HADLEY

Contributing Editor Norval Hadley, general superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends, believes God is looking for people in the church who will dedicate themselves anew to the ministry of prayer. Read on. You may be one to whom He wants to speak in a specific way!

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PORTION OF THE PAINTING, "VICTORY O LORD," BY SIR JOHN EVERETT MILLAIS, 1823-1898

I heard a pastor say one time, "An idea has been using me lately." That's happening to me. An idea is using me. I wonder how much influence and responsibility we Christians—we in the church—have in bringing the kingdom of God? Jesus taught us to pray, hallowing the name of the Father, and then to ask "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." I'm looking for a group of people throughout the church who will really dare to pray that.

David Le Shana heard someone point out that the phrase "in earth" is well chosen because people are made of clay and return to dust, and the kingdom is to come in people. Could it be that one of the highest works of the church is to pray down the kingdom of God and the will of God on earth as it is in heaven?

The ancient Jews had a saying, "He prays not at all in whose prayer there is no mention of the kingdom of God."

I know there is a sense in which the kingdom comes when Jesus returns again (when they asked "Wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power"—Acts 1:6, 7). On the other hand Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is within you." (Luke 17:21) Very often He said the kingdom of God is at hand.

When He cast out devils by the Holy Spirit, He said, "The kingdom of God is

come unto you." (Matthew 12:28) He said we are to seek first the kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33).

The Chinese teacher, Watchman Nee, has helped me to a very exciting concept. Matthew 18:18-20 describes an awesome principle—that earth governs heaven.

"Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." (See also Matthew 16:19.) Verses 15 to 17 are an illustration of how this principle is to be used when by the action of the church a man is made as a heathen and a publican. Another illustration of the principle is in Exodus 17:9-11. When Moses held up his hands Israel prevailed; when he lowered his hands Israel was defeated on the battlefield. Who decided the fate of Israel? Heaven or earth? In Isaiah 45:11 God says, "Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me." Watchman Nee points out there is no way we can force God to do what He does not want to do, but we can command Him to do what He wants to do, and there is a very real sense in which we on earth must release God to perform His will, or He will not act.

God has limited Himself because He created man in His own image with a free will and He will not burglarize man's free will. Therefore during this time between eternity past and eternity future God works in accordance to a specific law, that for the sake of free will on earth He refuses His own will until will on earth is in agreement. This is probably the most important ministry of the church, praying down the will of God on earth, and if the church does not have this ministry she is of little use on earth.

Jesus did this when He was on earth. Now the church filled with the Holy Spirit is the representative of God on earth, and it is the job of the church to pray down the will of God. This may seem presumptuous, but we must remember that Jesus is the Head of the Church, and God lives in Jesus, and the Holy Spirit lives in us and makes intercession for us according to the will of God. Perhaps this is why Jesus could say, "The works that I do shall he [that believeth on me] do also, and greater works than these shall he do" (John 14:12) We aren't seeing many of these "greater works." But perhaps God is just looking for some *loosers* and some *binders* and *askers* and some *kingdom bringers* here on earth who will do greater works than we have ever seen in the past or ever imagined possible, because they dare to let God use them as channels for praying down the will of God. We cannot increase the power of God, but we can obstruct it. The church must learn by agreement and by prayer how to release God to do on earth what He wants to do. There is a very real sense in which we manage the power of God.

Watchman Nee says it's like water coming from an abundant supply tank. We get just what the pipes can handle. I think God is looking for some Christians who will enlarge the pipes and open the faucets.

In the statement of purpose in the Lausanne Covenant from the International Congress on World Evangelization held in July were these words, "We confess with shame that we have often denied our calling and failed in our mission, by becoming conformed to the world or by withdrawing from it. Yet we rejoice that even when borne by earthen vessels the gospel is still a precious treasure. To the task of making that treasure known in the power of the Holy Spirit we desire to dedicate ourselves anew."

I feel God is looking for some people in the church who will dedicate themselves anew to the task and allow themselves to be used as channels for bringing the kingdom and the will of God on earth as it is in heaven. □

Considering the pastoral ministry?

The evidence that God is calling young men and women into the pastoral ministry is all around us. It is apparant in the booming enrollments of many colleges and seminaries where the Bible is taught unapologetically as God's Word. As many of our own Friends youth know, young people across the country are being touched with a new awareness of His love in Christ, and some have sensed acutely the need for ministers that Paul foresaw when he asked: "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14)

This article is directed toward the young man or woman struggling with the proper response to leadings in the direction of the ministerial vocation. In it, Joseph Roher, a graduate of Malone College and United Theological Seminary of Ohio and currently pastor of Canton Friends Church in Ohio, shares some thoughts on sorting out feelings and priorities while looking at the theme: So You Are Considering the Ministry.

—Donald Green
Youth Editor

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The need for pastors has never been greater than now. This fact emerges as one surveys history and the role the pastor has played in leading the people of God. One begins to understand the religious meaning of *pastor* when Jeremiah portrays him as appointed by God to watch over His people in order that they be not scattered or destroyed.

Jesus demonstrated in His ministry of healing, teaching, preaching, and sacrificial service the work of the pastor. The

Donald Green, youth editor of EVANGELICAL FRIEND, is a graduate student at Princeton Theological Seminary. With this article he not only introduces a subject pertinent to youth, but a qualified youthful pastor interested in youth—Joseph Roher.

years that have followed the earthly ministry of the Lord have added to the urgency of need for qualified pastors. Now, in what is termed as the Age of Anxiety, the church is in need of pastors who can articulate and demonstrate the message of the Gospel, the Good News about Jesus the Christ.

The foundation upon which a pastor must equip himself in today's world is threefold. First, there is the need for a call from God to serve Him in this capacity. This call provides the pastor the freedom to lead by having an authoritative rather than an authoritarian approach. The authoritative pastor is one who serves as an agent of a higher authority while the authoritarian pastor is one who serves and is motivated by a self-created power.

A problem for many considering the ministry is "How do I know I have been called?" God does not call all pastors the same. Some have heard a voice; some have walked as doors were opened; and others have just sensed God's leading. God seems to lead each individual according to personality, but in such a manner that he knows God has called him to this ministry.

Second, a formal education is vital in helping a pastor articulate the message to the world. Some colleges and seminaries provide a microcosm of society where a prospective pastor can experience the various roles of the pastor and then evaluate his effectiveness in relating to those roles. If one chooses a seminary that clarifies scriptural principles and reaches into the community through service and provides opportunity for self-evaluation, there will be a greater insight into one's selfhood as well as an increase in one's ability to communicate.

The third ingredient to consider for the pastoral ministry is the ability of "at-one-ness" with individuals. The pastoral ministry historically has been based upon ministering to persons. One entering the pastoral ministry must desire to establish and develop meaningful relationships.

This means acquiring the ability to "discover" God together with another individual, not assuming the attitude of superiority but a deep respect and love, knowing that another individual can contribute to a pastor's life. Out of this type of relationship comes the gift of *koinonia*, a fellowship that creates the desire in others to develop a relationship with the person of Jesus Christ.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon used to say that no one should enter the ministry who could keep out of it. Perhaps that seems like harsh advice, but it could be the best! □

Overwhelmed

Romans 8:37

*Overwhelmed by griefs
Which shake us
break us
wake us*

From our pleasant days.

*Overwhelmed by fears
Which strain us
drain us
pain us*

By their nagging ways.

*Overwhelmed by Christ
Who meets us
keeps us
heaps us*

With unending peace.

*Overwhelmed by love
Which fills us
thrills us
stills us*

Bringing deep release.

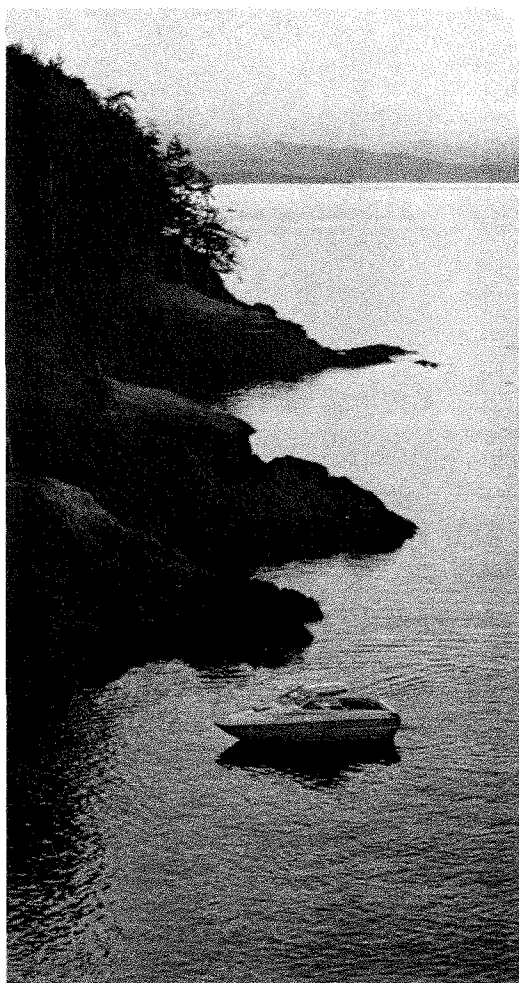
—Marjorie Myers

Encouraging Trust

*Winter's sun strides low
Across the southern sky,
Almost unseen.
Freighted clouds,
Which bathe the towering
Evergreens,
And store the summer's streams
Upon our friendly
Mountains,
Obscure the energizing rays;
But undespairs souls know
The faithful orb is there.

Life's unwelcomed clouds,
Dimming our preferred
Exuberance,
Strengthen those who know,
Through years of trust,
That we are standing
Fast!*

—Frank N. Haskins



Free in Christ Jesus

BY WALTER R. WILLIAMS

Walter Williams was a well-known Friends missionary, minister, author, and church leader serving Ohio Yearly Meeting Quakers for many years. This article is taken from his concern expressed in The Evangelical Friend (of Ohio Yearly Meeting) more than 25 years ago. It is as timely now.

HOW should a consecrated Christian act? Quiet or noisy, reserved or demonstrative? The attitude is sometimes taken that every soul who has entered into the full liberty of the sons of God ought to give proof of this with a great deal of emotional display, perhaps actual shouting. Or, again, in other groups all tendency to demonstration is frowned upon, and it is implied that salvation should not express itself through the emotions. Young people are sometimes perplexed and troubled over this question; even many older folks face it with concern. The present article attempts to suggest some considerations that may help us toward a satisfactory solution to the problem.

PERSONALITIES ARE UNLIKE

We all recognize that people are very much alike, that there is a kinship very real between people of all races, all nations, all groups. Yet, even small experience with people leads one to recognize very noticeable differences in types of people of the same group. They are not entirely alike. Some are introverts; others are extroverts. Some are taciturn, others talkative. Some move quietly among their fellows, are usually soft-spoken, retiring, not desirous of too much attention from others. Another group, however, are demonstrative, often actually noisy, put them where you will, in home, in shop, on the farm, in the school, in the church; if they are joyous, they "tell the world"; if they are not, most people find it out.

INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES

Now, when people who are actually so different in their emotional natures and habits find forgiveness of sins and the cleansing of the sinful nature through the power of Christ and enter into full Christian freedom, should we expect them all to conform to any single pattern in the expression of this freedom? To me there seems but one answer, and that is, "NO." They are unlike in their natural expression of pleasure in other spheres of activity. In social activities they differ; under crushing sorrow they show their grief differently. Why should they be expected to conform to a single pattern in the expression of religious experience alone?

Is it not true that we who are engaged in Christian service are in danger of forgetting these individual differences? Have

we not, without realizing it, sometimes pressed upon others a pattern of conduct that is natural to us but entirely unnatural to them?

WE ARE IMITATORS

People are all imitators. We tend to behave like those whom we admire. One has sometimes observed this among groups of Christians. Where the pastor of a church, one who is demonstrative, his heart aflame with God's love, remains a considerable time, his church tends to increase in outward demonstration. On the other hand, the ministry of a quiet, godly pastor is likely to result in more quiet public services, even though the congregation remains the same. People imitate their leaders. "Like people, like priest."

Now which is the better method of expressing the life of the Holy Spirit in our souls? It is the writer's belief that there is no better way. Both methods may be acceptable to God. Mary and Martha, sisters of Lazarus, represent quite different types of personality; yet, our Lord loved them both; and surely the scriptural records do not reveal that He bore any less love toward busy, bustling Martha than He did toward quiet, contemplative Mary—He loved them both; both loved Him. Both had their place then; both have their place today.

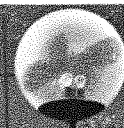
SEEKING GOD'S PLEASURE

It would be well if we all sought to meet God's expectation of us rather than to compel our Christian expression into slavish conformity to that of others. We are all called unto holiness. We are all called unto obedience. We are not called to act like somebody else. If I shout up and down the aisles of the church because God puts a shout in my soul, allow me the privilege of doing it in obedience to Him. Or, if I sit quietly under a glorious sense of His infinite love and mercy, while only a few silent tears of joy mark my ecstasy, permit me this privilege.

When will the church learn this lesson? Perhaps it is neither silence nor sound that God demands, neither silent weeping nor shouting that He expects, but rather that we each yield fully to Him, and then as His life floods our being, that each give expression to its marvelous reality, by life and lip, according to our inherited and acquired traits of personality. Only in such manner can we be entirely free in Christ. Any other insistence will bring some of us into bondage—bondage to others, to the opinions of others. I refuse to wear such a yoke. I am unwilling to fit it to the necks of my fellow Christians. We are free in Christ Jesus—free to obey Him, free to shout, free to weep, free to laugh or groan, free to sing or be silent.



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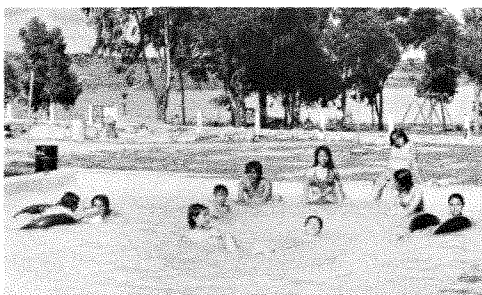
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Mexican campers

BY ROSCOE AND TINA KNIGHT



Scenes of the first EFA Mexican Friends Youth Camp show the entire group with the Knights (top); Tina Knight conducting a class in the lounge; young people relaxing in the pool at El Oasis; and John Thomas, a missionary friend of the Knights, presenting the plan of salvation from the book of Romans.



It was just an idea! But that idea grew into plans, enthusiasm, action . . . and thus we realized our first Mexican Youth Camp in July 1974.

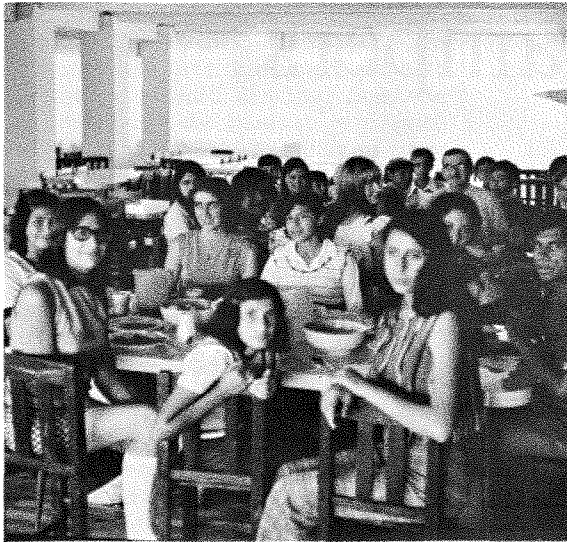
At first all the young people were enthused about attending camp. This was something new to them, for they had never attended any camp, much less a Christian camp. In fact, some had never been outside the city! And others had never spent a night away from home or parents, even though their ages ranged between 12 and 22 years.

But as the day approached some found obstacles too high to hurdle. Blanca and José Luis were needed at home for the preparations of a wedding. Illness in the home prevented Rosi and Margo from attending. Fathers, Ismael and Pedro, were out of work, so that meant no money to send their young people. An annual family celebration seemed more exciting to Antonio; thus he cancelled the camp plans. Another couple refused to let their young folk attend—dancing and English lessons were more important. So at the last moment it seemed as though Satan had succeeded in driving a wedge into the heart of our plans and the unity of the group. But we determined to follow through with all enthusiasm—even if only five youth attended!

So it was with both excitement and fear of failure that we set out for Camp El Oasis. Since everyone wanted to travel together, we met at the bus stop—all 20 of us! To arrive at the camp required four changes, the first being from bus to subway in order to arrive at the cross-country bus terminal in the center of the city. Leaving the subway we

Roscoe and Tina Knight continue to minister in Mexico under the sponsorship of the Evangelical Friends Alliance. Although the work sometimes has been discouraging, the success of their first youth camp confirms that God is answering prayer!

Mealtime at the Mexican Friends Youth Camp shows campers enjoying tacos and refried beans. Young people with Bibles and notebooks listen intently to Evangelist John Thomas. Tina leads another session on the lawn of beautiful Camp El Oasis.



boarded another bus, which took us on a two-hour ride across the mountains and down into the valley of Puebla. The pines, mountains, pure air, and snow-capped volcanos were beautiful, but it was all lost on the kids, for they were happily entertaining the other passengers with their whole repertoire of choruses . . . not a few being off tune! Since travel was new to some, with each change came the careful counting to see that one had not been whisked off before they could alight from the subway car (no dawdling . . . it only stops seven seconds!) or to be sure that all got on the same bus. And so, as with all camps, the travel to and from proved to be one of the highlights of the trip.

From early Monday morning until Thursday evening at midnight the time was filled with excitement and expectation. Classes on Christian living and doctrine were held both in the lounge and on the lawn. A missionary friend, John Thomas, brought morning and eve-

ning messages, and the book of Romans became a new book to many. All spare moments were spent in sports—rowing, swimming, basketball and volleyball, soccer and Ping-Pong. As the day closed we gathered around the fireplace to sing choruses and listen to testimonies. Every day was the best!

What was accomplished . . . beside sore muscles, the excitement of late hours, and the fun of camping? There were new converts. Some prayed and testified for the first time. Others grew in their Christian experience. New friendships were formed—Christian ones—which are so important for our youth. Parents have expressed an appreciation for the change they have noticed in their young people. Some are reading their Bibles every night before dropping off to sleep—a new thing for them. And all are very excited about another camp—a longer one and quite soon! So we feel the first Mexican Youth Camp was a great success! All thanks to the Lord!

Transformed

BY TINA KNIGHT

"Why didn't I know this before? Why didn't someone tell us the truth when I was small? I've suffered so much through ignorance!"

Tossing her auburn hair as she emphasized her questions with flailing arms, Ethel dropped her head to the table. The room became silent.

What could we say? Who could empathize? Who could comfort? Sympathize? Yes, but certainly not from experience.

None of us had been accosted along a wooded trail by a sex fiend. We knew nothing of the feelings of a 14-year-old girl who planned for her first baby. Fear? Indifference?

Neither had any of us married a murderer—her first husband had killed many times and then ran from the law. She had been taken across the border into the United States, and there he supported her and her little son by gambling.

And we had never been kicked in the stomach by the police as we tried to defend a son who was being arrested for carrying arms. We didn't know a mother's heartache at seeing her son in prison, on drugs—a criminal.

Surely there were none among us who had been raised by a sorceress! It was hard to imagine a mother teaching her little girl the ways of the spirit world. Feuds were common in their town, and curses or "spells" cast on the enemy was a way of life. Magic and death walked hand in hand for Ethel, and evil was a curse placed by another and not a result of sin.

God? Who knew about Him! The old gods of her forefathers were those that brought punishment and fear. These were

Testimonies of Christ's transforming power in people's lives are always thrilling to read, but especially so when they come from those who live where Christian encouragement is not as prevalent as in the United States. Missionaries Tina Knight from Mexico and Ann Fuqua from Burundi reveal the stories of two such individuals.

the gods who caused the drought or the flood—or the god who demanded a human sacrifice every 52 years to keep the earth heated by that ball of fire that raced across the sky. Tlaloc, the rain god, the god of vegetation, fat god, fire god, god of death, corn god, serpent god—these were only a few of the ancient gods spoken of in hushed tones by Ethel's forefathers. These were the gods that bound her mother in superstition and caused her to dabble in witchcraft and magic. To Ethel, this knowledge of demons, fear, superstition, and doubt were realities to be faced daily.

Then the picture changed . . . The silence of the room changed to one of



Ethel in her beauty shop in Mexico. Will you remember her in prayer?

concern—concern and compassion for a fellow Christian. Several shared Ethel's experience in marrying a drunkard. They could identify with that. They knew about the struggle to raise a family in poverty. Neither was the heartache of rebellious children foreign to them. They too had shed tears and stood helplessly by while that child "did his own thing." They also knew of the lonely nights spent waiting for a husband to come home. From where? The cantina? Or the mistress? All were familiar with the problem of fighting, screaming, crying, lying, death!! It was a way of life for all of them.

Love? Compassion? Kindness? This was something new in their lives and homes since the Lord Jesus had come in to live.

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Months have passed since we penned these first lines. We've watched Ethel, a proud mother of 36 years, as she is learning to grow in the Lord. We marveled at her courage as she apologized for hatred for a neighbor . . . a neighbor who did not accept her apology. She has been tempted to go back into spiritualism but feels it is of Satan, so refuses to go to another of their meetings. She has had to accept her rebellious son as he is, knowing she cannot change him and

that she harms only herself when worrying about him. And she is learning to love her husband! No longer is there constant bickering between the two.

To trust the Lord for finances is harder for Ethel, and she often works late into the night in her beauty shop rather than attend Bible studies. Pleasures and friends of the world beckon, but she is learning that when pleasures fade and friends fail, God is always faithful.

Ethel still tosses that auburn hair and stamps a foot in anger occasionally. She still shouts at the rebellious children. But who can doubt her testimony when she tells how the Lord has changed her home and life. And who can doubt her sincerity as she publicly prays, with a choked voice and tears streaming down her cheeks:

"Lord, I don't know how you can love me because I'm not good enough. I don't understand how you can forgive me for I'm so bad. Please do something for my boy Victor. Forgive me for speaking sharply to my husband. Help me not to go back to my old life for I know that You are Truth. I love you. Amen." □

Simon Sodiya— from workman to pastor

BY ANN FUQUA

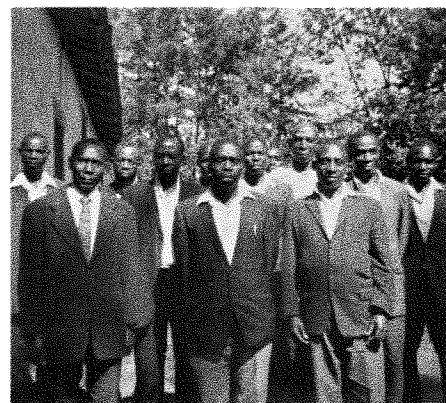
"And now, in my old age, don't set me aside. Don't forsake me now when my strength is failing." (Psalm 71:9 LB) These words must have been the theme of Sodiya's prayers many times in the last few years. And now, the Lord has answered.

When a child, I remember Sodiya as a workman at the new Mutaho station in Burundi. He was one of the first two workmen who signed on when my father began work there in 1938. A married man and uneducated, he had been attending the Catholic church. I recollect the nights when he and Petero Rurajenguye used to fire the brick kiln behind our house. To keep awake they would tell each other funny stories and go into gales of laughter, hoping Dad would hear them and know they were on the job. At Christmas time he was usually the champion in the foot races. He was the mail porter between Mutaho and Kibimba and could make the 30-mile round trip in a

day. Then he began coming in the next morning instead of that night; upon discovering he was spending the night with a second wife down by the river, Dad had to dismiss him. With no job and paying taxes on this second wife, things weren't so good for him.

Some time passed, and as he remembered the things he'd heard about Jesus Christ at workers' prayers and in church services, he knew he'd done wrong. So he accepted Christ as his Savior. This action made him want to know how to read, and he came after working hours, and the missionaries helped him learn to read. When he had learned he used to sit in his *rugo* (kraal) for hours in the evenings, reading his New Testament portions to his family.

For many years he was an outschool teacher and won many to the Lord. Then he attended a course of study and became one of the first recorded ministers of the Burundi Friends Church in 1955. He was an absolutely fearless preacher and was known as honest and impartial. Often called upon to help with cases in the church and even in the



Pastors who attended the Pastor's Course in Kwibuka, Burundi, April 1974 (see "We Meet Once Again"). Simon Sodiya is the tall man fourth from the right.

villages, he had an unusual ability to ferret out the truth. As a pastor he was loving and kind and spent hours visiting in the villages. Eventually he became chairman of the Permanent Board of the Burundi Friends Quarterly Meeting.

In early 1972, due to the backslidden condition and jealousy of influential elders in the Mutaho church, he wasn't given a call to be a pastor. This was a heartbreaking thing for Sodiya. Often he was made by these elders to feel old and worthless. But he kept a sweet testimony and continued to witness and counsel as opportunity arose. I'll never forget how he came by bicycle 35 miles to visit us and comfort us in our times of sorrow. He was like a father to many Burundi and to Gary and me also.

On March 3, 1974, after much prayer, Sodiya accepted the call of God to serve

as pastor of Kwisumo church. Left pastorless in the events of 1972, the Kwisumo church badly needed a strong spiritual leader to get the church moving forward. It had been held together through difficulty, but with us leaving for furlough, the few members left needed help badly. As he preached the first Sunday, we could see the hand of the Lord in it all. In His own time, the Lord had called Sodiya to go and had given the Kwisumo church a heart to work with him. He has become almost young again and has been renewed with the opportunity of pastoring once again. The church is gaining spiritually and in numbers. They recently received into membership 30 probationers and 11 full church members.

The Lord is using Sodiya mightily, gray-haired though he be. And as I remember him, from pagan workman to pastor and Permanent Board chairman, I realize again that God can change and use anyone, anytime, who puts himself in His hands. □

We meet once again

BY DAVID AND MAE KELLUM

It was a cool, damp afternoon, but in our hearts we rejoiced as we helped the national catechism teachers get settled and waited for George Thomas to arrive. This was a day we had looked forward to for several months! It was the first time some of our catechism teachers had seen each other for two years, and it was wonderful to hear their testimonies of God's care over them. These teachers had come from all our stations. They had left their responsibilities and had come expecting God to help them. Many of them had gone through trials and fire since the last school so they were looking forward to having their cups filled. This was the atmosphere George met when he walked into his first class the next morning.

There were 37 catechism teachers in attendance at the eight-day school. George taught most of the classes in the morning, and Ralph Choate taught in the afternoon. In George's teachings he brought out many topics such as loving one another and what fear and hate can do to you. It was really great for such a time as this. Ralph taught two classes

David and Mae Kellum, missionaries to Africa under Kansas Yearly Meeting, recount two successful schools held for teachers and pastors in Burundi.

on cults and other religions. Our people meet with these all the time, and we feel that it is important for them to understand about them. This was a time of blessing and spiritual help for these men. I am sure they all went home with a full cup and wanting to share it with others. One man said, "I am determined to be a better teacher and helper to my people." Several expressed a new desire to reach out to others.

The school for the recorded pastors started a few days later, lasting 10 days. This school followed much the same schedule as the Catechists' School, but we had two additional teachers. Esther Choate taught a class on Psalms, and Jim Morris came the second week and taught a class on Church Management. This school was a real blessing and help to our pastors. In one of George's classes a testimony meeting broke out. The pastors told how much they were receiving from the classes. Then they started sharing experiences of how the Lord had helped them. Pastor Kaboko, from a new monthly meeting in the Mutaho area, shared the sorrow of losing his wife, but he was thanking God for friends. He told about another pastor who came to comfort him during this time. He said, "This man didn't know where I lived, and it was difficult to travel out of one's own area, but he came and asked the way to my house." He turned to one of our younger pastors in the Kwibuka area and said, "Ndabakinga, I want to thank you for your love and encouragement during my sorrow." Another pastor told of his fear and how it made him sick and he just couldn't do anything he was so afraid. He asked them to pray for him that he could really overcome fear. Many testified to the help God had given them during the past two years.

Another very interesting thing about the school was the timing. As we know God's time is the right time, and we found this out in several ways. The topics of the classes were just what we needed for this time. Another thing was the catering of the meetings. David Kellum was asked to do this. We bought the main things such as rice, sugar, salt, tea, and soap. We had African cooks who took care of buying the vegetables and meat and other things needed at the local market. A few days before the first school, we went to Buja to buy supplies and were able to purchase most of the things we needed. The following week prices went up. Sugar went from \$21 for 50 kilos to \$35 for that amount.

We praise God for the opportunity of having these schools this year. We need much prayer for our pastors and catechism teachers. They have a difficult time preaching love and peace to people who are full of hate and fear. □

Face of the World

Continued

force for Christian renewal but caution against an uncritical acceptance of all its aspects.

"There is no cause for Lutheran pastors or people to suggest either explicitly or implicitly that one cannot be charismatic and remain a Lutheran in good standing," one of the 14 guidelines says.

—E.P.

WES BEGINS NEW CONSTRUCTION

PORTLAND, OREGON—Western Evangelical Seminary began the construction of the Bauman Center, Phase I, with a ground-breaking ceremony on September 25, 1974. William Bauman, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Leo M. Thornton, executive vice-president of the seminary, led by taking the first shovelful of dirt.

The new center will include facilities for the Christian Counseling Clinic, the new WES Bookstore, and several new offices for faculty members. Completion of the project is expected by spring of 1975. The other two phases will be completed as matching funds are available.

—W.E.S.

News of Friends

GEORGE FOX COLLEGE NAMES NEW DEAN OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. Eugene Habecker, associate dean of students of Eastern College, Philadelphia, the past four years, became the new dean of student affairs at George Fox College, Newberg, Oregon, beginning August 15, 1974.

WALLIN INAUGURATED AS NEW EARLHAM PRESIDENT

RICHMOND, INDIANA—The inauguration of Franklin W. Wallin as ninth president of Earlham College was held Saturday, October 19.

Presidents of three Quaker colleges participated in the inaugural ceremonies. They were Harold Cope, Friends University; John Coleman, Haverford College; and Grimsley Hobbs, Guilford College.

FRIENDS QUARTERLY FEATURES LIFE AND MESSAGE OF FOX

The *Friends Quarterly* has published a special issue for October, 1974. It concentrates on the life and message of *George Fox*, and several eminent contributors, from the U.S.A., England, Japan, etc., have written on this theme. The cost of the October issue is 30 pence or one dollar (post free). Orders should be sent to Headley Bros. Ltd., Invicta Press, Ashford, Kent, U.K.

—The Friend

What's New!



Dorothy Barratt
EFA Christian education
consultant

done but not finished: on to phase II

Phase I of EFA's
Sunday School Enlargement
Campaign, "Sunday School
Is a Family Affair,"
proves successful for
many churches in outreach
and growth.

By BETTY M. HOCKETT

Fun, excitement, anticipation, blessings, and thankfulness all mingled together this fall with lots of prayer and hard work in many Sunday schools throughout the Evangelical Friends Alliance.

Now that the final attendance figures are in for the four-week Phase I of the Sunday School Enlargement Campaign, "Sunday School Is a Family Affair," there is even more thankfulness on the part of many. Of the 122 Sunday schools that began the campaign on September 15, 83 went on to the conclusion. A total of 62 of these experienced positive results from their efforts toward outreach and growth. Final percentages of increase went all the way from a 2 percent increase up to the 123 percent realized by Albuquerque, New Mexico.

"A lot of enthusiasm was generated in our area," reports a yearly meeting Board of Christian Education president. "Lots of Sunday school loyalty was developed," was the conclusion drawn by one pastor's wife. "For a church that was about to fold up six years ago, we think we're doing very well," said an ecstatic pastor whose Sunday school had a healthy increase. The superintendent of one of



Pastor Roman Ward, Jr. of the Ramona, Oklahoma, Friends Church kept his promise of eating dinner on the church roof if Sunday school attendance reached 90. (It reached 109.) During the campaign, the Sunday school at Ramona featured three and four generation families. Walter Sears was honored for having been a Sunday school attender there for more than 70 years. With him are his wife and members of three other generations of his family: Shirley Look, Shirley Edding, and Missy Edding (great granddaughter). David Smith was the number one winner at Tacoma, Washington, Friends Church's Sunday school "Mountain Climb." The prize: a ten-speed bicycle!

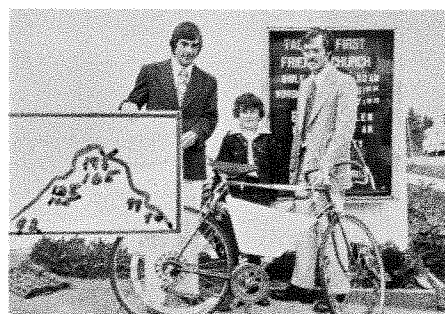
the division winners says, "This is only the beginning."

Friendly rivalry existed between some Sunday schools of like size. Christian education directors and Sunday school superintendents had a good time checking up on the progress of each other's attendances. Gifts of family pictures, Bibles, candy bars, and a ten-speed bicycle gave encouragement toward inviting and bringing others to Sunday school.

Sunday schools were grouped into divisions according to their last year's average attendance. Division A (251 and up) was captured by Newberg, Oregon, Friends, who experienced a 15 percent increase over their last year's average of 321. Salem, Ohio, First Friends followed close behind with an increase of 10 percent over their previous 459 average.

Division B (151-250) saw Canton, Ohio, First Friends as the winner with a 37 percent increase over last year's average of 187. Others who merit honorable mention in that division would include East Richland, Ohio (27 percent), Eugene, Oregon, and Haviland, Kansas, both with a 17 percent increase, Denver (16 percent), and Clackamas Park, Portland, Oregon (14 percent).

Tacoma, Washington, First Friends won the title in Division C (91-150) with their 38 percent increase over last year's 92 average attendance. Other Division C contenders who deserve mention are Van Wert, Ohio (32 percent), West Chehalem, Newberg, Oregon (31 percent), and Mt. Gilead, Ohio (29 percent).



Division D (51-90) winner is Broadview Heights, Ohio, with a 74 percent increase over last year's average of 70. Ramona, Oklahoma, with last year's average at 55, ended with a 52 percent increase. Tulsa, Oklahoma (50 percent), Southeast Salem, Ohio (36 percent), and Melba, Idaho (33 percent), were among other top Sunday schools in that division.

Albuquerque, New Mexico, took top honors in Division E (1-50) with an increase of 123 percent over last year's average of 20. Rosemere, Vancouver, Washington, increased 118 percent during the campaign. New Hope, Hay Springs, Nebraska (98 percent), Las Animas, Colorado (62 percent), South Houston, Texas (43 percent), and Northshore, Texas (40 percent), also should receive mention.

The EFA Christian Education Commission awarded prizes of Bible film strips for each division winner. Some yearly meetings also offered awards to their own churches having the highest percent of increase.

Is the work all over now? Not at all. Pastors, Sunday school teachers, superintendents, and directors are rolling up their sleeves for more work. Phase II began on October 13 and will continue through Easter, March 30, 1975. It is hoped that the gains realized this fall will be conserved. It would be even more thrilling if attendance figures continued to rise. At the end of Phase II an engraved plaque will be given to the five Sunday schools who have maintained the highest percent of their Phase I increase.

We are not counting people just to see who can have the most. *We are counting people because people count.* Each number on your attendance books represents one person who has been present to hear the gospel message.

So . . . done, but not finished! Phase I is past, but Phase II is just beginning!



MEETING LIFE'S CRISES

"I will put you in the cleft of the rock and cover you with my hand." —Exodus 33:22, LB

MORE THAN JUST A GARDEN

"Garden—a piece of ground for the growing of fruits, flowers, or vegetables; it is usually close to a house."

A concise, accurate definition by Webster—as far as it goes, because fortunately, a garden can be much more than that. At least I'll forever look on one differently since that August day.

Almost three summers have passed now since my father suffered a stroke. For years up until then, we'd been one of those families blessed with good health and with none of the attendant problems that illness brings. Even though I was a grown woman in my late 30s, I'd never had the experience of seeing a man so full of vitality one moment, and merely a vestige of himself the next—the strong focal point of a close family reduced to an almost baby-like helplessness. It was more than a sensitive, perhaps sheltered person like myself could bear.

While we were waiting for the doctor to arrive that August day, I decided to relieve the anxiety by spending some time outdoors in the yard. It was an exceptionally lovely day, not hot and humid the way August can be, but clear and cool like September. (I remember wondering rather childishly how anything unpleasant could possibly happen on such a day.) Our home is in the country, right in the middle of an old apple orchard. In the back yard between two Baldwin apple trees is a small flower garden. It's my practice each day in the summer to check the garden over—pulling weeds, picking off faded blossoms, etc.—all the endless things that a conscientious gardener must do. But that particular day, I wasn't at all interested in these mundane chores. Instead, I just stood there, staring vacantly at the garden, my heart filled with worry and fear.

After a few moments, I was aware of a reddish-brown fluttering. A butterfly

BY BARBARA SARKESIAN

Our thanks to Barbara Sarkesian of North Scituate, Rhode Island, who voluntarily submitted this beautiful story for our "Life Crises" series.

had alighted briefly on the wrought iron plaque that's placed to one side of the garden, then had moved on to something more to his liking—a pink petunia. His action drew my eye to the plaque. It's a simple garden ornament—quite common, I think—black, with a design of yellow and blue flowers, and embossed with this verse:

"The Kiss of the Sun for Pardon,
The Song of the birds for Mirth,
One is nearer God's Heart in a Garden,
Than anywhere else on Earth."

The plaque had been in that same spot for about four years, and visitors had often read the verse aloud. But that day it was as though I were seeing it for the first time.

"One is nearer God's Heart in a Garden,
Than anywhere else on Earth."

Here, in *this* garden? I asked myself. After all, it was just a simple one of yellow marigolds, orange zinnias, pink petunias, and lavender glads, with a sundial in the center, and all enclosed by a miniature white picket fence; a busy place for bees and hummingbirds, and a source of never-ending work and pleasure (not to mention cut flowers) for me. If I was really close to God's heart here, then what better place to pray? So, I stood there on that lovely August afternoon and prayed for my father's recovery and for strength to deal with whatever was to come.

I made a little ritual of this for the next few days, sometimes going out to

the garden in the early morning while the dew was still on the flowers, once even at dusk, when the accompaniment to my prayer was the haunting song of the wood thrush. Each day I seemed to manage a bit better, gaining a certain measure of strength, confidence, and peace. And so it was in this way that I lived through a difficult time.

From that first day, my father had been treated at home, and by the middle of the week had shown such steady improvement that the doctor decided a hospital stay was unnecessary. By the end of the week, I could write joyously in the diary that I normally use for nature notations: "A real miracle happened. Dad's all better!"

As I look back on it now, "all better" was an exaggeration, but my father was with us a year longer, a good deal of the time with his usual strong presence, warmth, and sense of humor highly evident. Yes, I still think I'd describe it as "a real miracle."

Almost three years have passed since I discovered my own garden. Whenever I feel troubled or anxious, I find myself drawn there, to stand quietly by and perhaps say a prayer or two. This has happened in all seasons: in the fall, when the garden is an unkempt jumble of late marigolds, fallen apples, and leaves; in the middle of the winter, when the pickets have disappeared under the snow; in spring, when the soil is freshly turned over, ready for planting. But it doesn't really matter which season it is, because each time I never fail to see the garden just as it was on that glorious August afternoon, when a butterfly pointed out to me that it was more than just a garden, that, indeed, I was

"nearer God's Heart in a Garden
Than anywhere else on Earth." □

Happy and thankful

BY BETTY M. HOCKETT

As Meredith Howard walked through the kitchen and past the telephone, she couldn't help but notice the calendar with the big red circle around November 15.

I wish that day wouldn't even come this year, she thought to herself sadly. I don't want to move. And 'specially when we don't even have a house to move to.

"You don't look very happy," said her brother Eddie, looking up from reading the comics.

"I'm not very happy," Meredith answered with a sigh. "If only that new freeway wouldn't be put right through our property. Then we wouldn't have to move."

"Yeah, I kind of wish that, too," Eddie agreed. "But then maybe we can move closer to the church."

"There aren't any houses for sale over there. All we ever saw by the church was that one red brick house. I really liked it but it was too high-priced. So where will we move to? It's only two weeks until November 15—the day we have to be out of here." Meredith sighed again and sat down to watch the program that moved across the TV screen.

Eddie interrupted by saying, "Maybe we'll be like Abraham. You know the Bible says he didn't know where he was supposed to move to. God just said, 'Come on, Abraham, and I'll show you where you're going.'"

"But I don't want to be like Abraham." Meredith gave a gloomy look at Eddie. "I want to know where we're moving to."

The days passed slowly. Every day the Howards prayed that God would help them find a new home. Every day they called the real estate man. Each time his answer was the same. "I'm sorry, Mr. Howard."

Sometimes in the evening they drove around the area by the church. But no one was putting up new "For Sale" or "For Rent" signs. "I wish somebody would want to move away from here,"

said Meredith, as they drove around once again.

"The only house that seems to be for sale in this territory is the red brick one that we have already looked at," reminded Mr. Howard. "If only it didn't cost so much money. It's just what we want. Well, there must be another place."

By then it was completely dark, and back home Mr. Howard parked the car in the garage. Feeling in a very bad mood, Meredith stomped up the walk. "I can't figure out why God doesn't answer our prayer now. It's almost Thanksgiving and I don't know if we'll have anything to be thankful about or not."

Then, one day soon after that, Mrs. Howard met Meredith and Eddie at the door after school. She was smiling very



broadly and her eyes twinkled. "Guess what! Pastor Watson just called. He noticed a new 'For Sale' sign on a house very close to the church."

"Neato!" yelled Meredith.

"Hey, that must be THE one," said Eddie, giving his homework a toss onto the nearest chair.

"I've called Dad and he is going to be home any minute now."

Within minutes the family was on their way. They drove slowly past the red brick house they had looked at before. They passed the church and then, sure enough, there was the "For Sale—Inquire Within" sign by the white house.

The wait in the car was nearly unbearable for the others as Mr. Howard got out and went to knock at the door. They watched as the man came and talked to him. After only a few words of conversation, they walked slowly down into the yard and the man took up the sign.

"Hey, that's it," said Eddie in a great state of excitement. "Dad's already told him we want the house."

Mrs. Howard frowned. "I doubt that. Dad wouldn't say we'd take it without letting us look at it."

"But it can't be," said Meredith. "We've just gotta have this house. There isn't any other one for us." She was nearly in tears.

Mr. Howard got back into the car. He was no longer smiling. "The man was very nice, but he was on his way out to get the sign when I knocked. The house sold just an hour ago."

No one said anything. This had been their last hope. They sat quietly, not knowing what to do next. November 15 was coming very soon.

Finally Mr. Howard cleared his throat and said quietly, "Shall we go back and look at the red brick house once more? I know it costs too much money, but let's look again, anyway."

After a quick agreement and almost before they knew what was happening, the Howards were at the red brick house, hearing the woman say, "I'd be glad to show you the house again. We have come down in our price since you were here before. You see, we *must* move by November 15. We have made the price as low as we possibly can so that it will sell quickly now."

Mrs. Howard looked at Mr. Howard. Mr. Howard looked at Mrs. Howard—and nodded. She nodded, too.

"We'll take it," said Mr. Howard firmly.

Suddenly everything was all right! The late-afternoon November sunshine seemed brighter than ever before. A great feeling of relief swept through all four Howards.

"How come God waited so long to answer our prayer?" Meredith wondered out loud later as they drove back home.

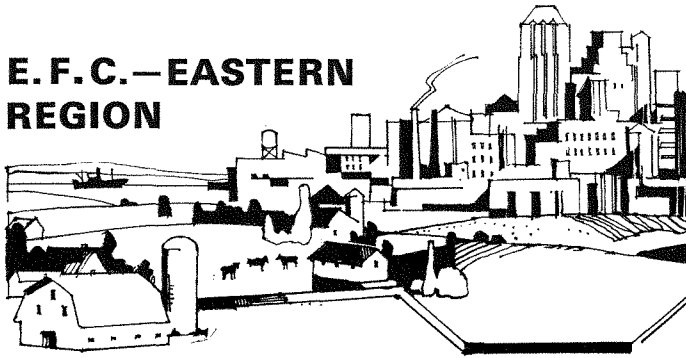
Mr. Howard smiled a good, relaxed smile. "Well, all I know is, Meredith, now we know for sure that it is God's doing. By all rights, that house should have sold to someone else long ago. But God knew that now—not before—was the right time for us to have it. I'd say that He saved this very house just for us. We know for sure that it was His work that made it possible. He worked out the details. This makes it a very special house, doesn't it?"

"And it's just what we wanted. Isn't God wonderful!" said Mrs. Howard.

"I guess God must have known all along what He was doing. But we sure didn't," Eddie said as he shook his head. It was all too wonderful to actually believe.

Meredith sighed. This time it was a happy sigh. "Just think, we'll be all moved in and fixed up before Thanksgiving. Right now I'm so happy—and thankful, too. We'll have a good Thanksgiving day after all." □

E. F. C.—EASTERN REGION



Part of the crowd at the Sunday services.

Goshen Quarter Celebrates Centennial

Members of Goshen Friends Church, southeast of Zanesfield, Ohio, hosted the centennial celebrations of the Western Ohio District of the Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region on September 21 and 22. Known for most of its history as Goshen Quarterly Meeting, the district was established in 1874 with the direction of Alum Creek Quarterly Meeting and Ohio Yearly Meeting. In the beginning there were only two monthly meetings, Goshen and Westland, with four preparative meetings under their care. Through the years meetings have been added, and some have been discontinued. At present, the district comprises 14 meetings. Several pastors and missionaries have been produced by the district, including General Superintendent Russell Myers.

About 200 persons attended the services on September 21 at the Goshen church. Bruce Burch, pastor of the Bellefontaine First Friends Church and chairman of the Centennial

Committee, welcomed all the guests. Congregational singing was led by James Thompson, pastor of the Byhalia Friends Church, and special music was offered by the Grigsby family of Bellefontaine. Dr. Amos Henry, registrar of Circleville Bible College, spoke on the contributions of Quakers, and Russell Myers spoke on the topic, "The Future for Friends."

In the afternoon, people gathered on the lawn of the church to hold a mock business meeting. Harold Johnson, host pastor, presided as clerk, and Ernil Orahood served as recording clerk. Excerpts were read from the minutes of the past century. The last item of business was a request from a couple to marry. The request was granted. Following the business meeting, Dr. Everett Cattell spoke on the subject of "Quaker Distinctives."

Sunday's services, following a co-operative carry-in dinner, drew more than 500 persons. Congressman Clarence J. Brown presented to the



Many arrived at the centennial services in horse-drawn conveyances.

Friends concerns



This family from the Marysville Friends Church is dressed in garb typical of another era.

district an American flag. An early Quaker wedding was enacted. With a small group of costumed Friends seated on the platform as congregation and elders, Terry Bunish and Keineth (Tinsley) Bunish took their places, then rose to reverently repeat their marriage vows.

The marriage ceremony was followed by a pageant that presented highlights of Quaker history. Well-known Friends of the past walked across the platform, including George Fox, Thomas Beals, James Parnell, William Penn, Indians, jailors, Benjamin Bundy, and Aunt Laura Haviland.

At the close of the service, district pastors and wives and retired ministers living in the district assembled at the platform. Pastor Hiram Bridenstine, district superintendent, offered prayer in behalf of pastors, people, and our district. The congregation sang together "Faith of Our Fathers."

These days were memorable ones. All present were enriched as youth learned more of their heritage and adults were challenged to a deeper commitment to advance the cause of Christ today. We give God great praise!
—Mrs. Lenore Burch



The "Believers Trio" from Urbana Friends Church.



Harold and Gladys Johnson, host pastors.

Christian Stewardship

Christian stewardship involves our lives, our money, and our talents and how we use them for God. God has already given these things to us, and we should be thankful to have them. He has given us all the money we own, our lives, which we should live for him, and special talents either seen or unseen. We should use our money, lives, and talents to the best of our ability and use them to glorify God and not just to seek pleasure for ourselves.

Our lives are the most important part of Christian stewardship. After a life has been surrendered to Christ, it will be used to praise Him in most of the things it does. Our bodies go hand in hand with the lives we lead. A body is the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit and should be kept clean and free from sinful acts and sinful habits. To have clean lives and bodies is very important for a Christian. The way our

bodies talk and the way they act show onlookers what really lies within. Our lives should be meaningful as well as a witness to others.

The money we have is another of God's gifts, and the way in which we give it to God is also part of Christian stewardship. One-tenth of our money belongs to God and should be given to Him. Another part of stewardship is the extra money given beyond tithing, which is offering. God repays us in full amount plus a little more.

Christian stewardship involves using the talents that God has given us. These talents may be hidden now, but God will know when it's the best time to uncover them. Talents like singing, speaking, playing an instrument, or having artistic ability can be used in many ways. They can help testify about Christ, praise God, and thank Him for giving us all that we have and need.

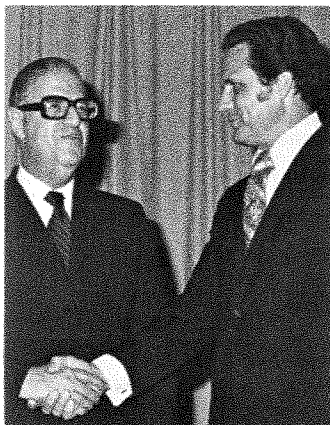
—Lori Westcott



The above is the winning essay of Eastern Region's Stewardship Essay Contest. Lori Westcott is from Milan, Ohio, where she attends the East Milan Friends Church. She is 15 years old and is a sophomore at Edison High School.

Focus on Malone

Richard V. Chambers, vice-president for academic affairs, with his wife Eleanor attended the UNESCO World Congress on Comparative Education in Geneva, Switzerland, last summer. Prior to and following the congress, they visited Sopron, Hungary; Paris, France; Bochum, Germany; and Copenhagen, Denmark. In each place they observed education at all levels with special emphasis on the study of problems commonly met in each country.



Abba Eban, noted Israeli spokesman, is congratulated by Malone College President Lon Randall at the close of his September 23 address in Osborne Hall. Dr. Eban spoke to 1,100 persons on "Prospects for Peace in the Middle East." His lecture was the first in a series of four sponsored by Diebold, Inc., The Hoover Company, and The Timken Company.

Enrollment for fall term numbers 841, which represents a 1.1 percent increase over last year. The full-time equivalent figure is 798 com-

pared to 786 last year. The campus dormitories are filled to capacity with 476 living in the residences this year (3.3 percent increase). The freshman class has 280 students, sophomores 230, juniors 134, seniors 163, and 34 are unclassified.

Kenneth L. Chafin, pastor of the South Main Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, was speaker for Christian Life Week on Malone's campus October 14-16. Author of *Help! I'm a Layman*, Kenneth Chafin was a member of the Executive Committee for Key 73 and also was on the Convening Committee for the recent Lausanne Congress on Evangelism. His coming to Malone was made possible through the Thomas F. Staley Foundation of New York in its Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Series.

College Preview Day was November 16, when high school seniors were invited to campus to meet professors, talk with students, and get a taste of what life is like at Malone College. If you would like to visit Malone at any time, contact the Admissions Office at the college.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Dec. 2—December Term begins
- Dec. 6—Faculty Artist Series: Marie Kassouny, pianist
- Dec. 11—Basketball: Malone vs. Tiffin
- Dec. 15—Christmas Oratorio: *The Messiah* Cultural Center, 3 p.m.
- Dec. 20—December Term ends

A Pastor's Prayer

Jesus, it is very important that I address You. I stand helpless here in my study. Around me are books and tools to bring understanding to Your Word. My helplessness lies in the fact that I wrestle now in this room with the forces of evil that have encompassed my mental powers. I am in a real struggle. The beautiful day beckons me from the study to the golf green. The lawn lies unmowed at home. Lethargy seduces me from the redemption of time. God, only You can rescue me from the enemies that are determined to wrest from my grasp any caring and determined resolves to wait over Your Word for a message from You to the people.

I am aware that one could open the Book and find there nearly any message. From the pages of Holy Writ with the tools of biblical scholarship, nuggets could be mined that would have significance for many people. My concern however, Christ, is that I will have something to say rather than that I will have to say something.

In the face of my deliberations, allow me to reassert my resolves to be Your man. "Whatever the Lord says unto me, that will I speak." However, now I ask the question, "Is there any word from the Lord?"

I adjure You, my Lord, to come to me now

Through the boldness of Scripture. I pray and ask how.

How shall I speak a word?

How shall I study?

How shall my heart receive a message this Friday?

I adjure You, my Lord, to come to me now!

Through the needs of my own heart My bended knees bow.

How can I even dare?

How can I bother?

What is the use of it

With no word from Father?

I adjure You, my Lord, to come to me now!

For the sheep have been restless

With my very low mow.

What shall I feed them?

Where will they drink?

How can their souls be stilled?

Lord, help me think!

I adjure You, my Lord, to come to me now.

My heart yearns for heaven,

My mind starts to prowl,

Soon shall I know of it,

Confidence grows.

The sheep will be fed,

For the Great Shepherd knows.

—James Brantingham



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We Need a Vision

By Temple Lee
WMU Prayer Coordinator

I am now recuperating from the car accident I had in July. The doctor said it will take time for my healing. I covet your prayers.

I feel we need a vision. In Proverbs 29:18 we read, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." The rush of life is robbing us of spiritual blessings. We need to get on fire for God, get excited—get a vision!

Pray for our missionaries on the mission fields and those who are at home. Pray for our KYM pastors and workers and for the Burundi pastors and workers. One of the greatest lacks in the churches today is the lack of prayer. We talk about prayer, we have the form of prayer, but we do not make the use of prayer that we should to obtain God's blessing.

Let's all get on our knees before God and pray—pray—pray.

Burundi Prayer and Praise

Kibimba

Praise—that Connie Young successfully passed her Kirundi examination and is now a voting member of the mission staff.

Pray for Reta Stuart as she works on the report of the literature survey. She is compiling a report of the findings, and it is very difficult since they were unable to complete the survey.

Hospital—Praise for helping one of the midwives take the responsibility she has had. In the past there have been some personality problems, and Doris was afraid there might be trouble. Since September she has worked hard and done a good job, making a real contribution to the hospital.

Praise and Pray—Praise for the new African hospital administrator. He is one of the pastors from the Kwibuka area, Ndabakinga. He

works two days a week and has been a big help as well as understanding many of the problems.

Pray for him.

EMP (Normal school) — School started October 1. Many of the students are of other faiths. Pray that God will reveal Himself to them during this year. Pray for the students who are Christians and are trying to live testimonies for the Lord.

Pray for the teachers.

Praise—A new house for some of the teachers that Gary Young has been building is nearly finished. This house is built to accommodate five single men.

Kwibuka

Praise—The women of our church had a very good one-day meeting October 11, with our local pastors holding the services. The Lord really blessed them, and many women received new victories that day.

Pray for the new outchurch that has recently opened in the Cene area. This is an outchurch that was open years ago but was laid down in the 1950s. Some new people have moved into this area and wanted the church reopened.

Mutaho

Pray for the WMU work that has just been started again.

Pray for the church people that they will have a clear testimony. Some are facing ridicule because of their Christian witness.

Kwisumo

Pray for the pastor, Sodiya, as he works among the church people in this area.

Mweya

Pray for the students and teachers at the Bible school.

General

Praise for the good VBS we had in our churches. There were over 1,100 students in all the churches.

Pray for our missionaries as they meet together for prayer and sharing the second Sunday of every month.

Dear Friends:

Mt. Ayr Friends will be observing our 100th anniversary on December 1.

We are inviting former pastors, members, and friends to share with us in this day of celebration. Dr. John Robinson, Yearly Meeting superintendent, will be guest speaker for the morning worship hour at 11 o'clock. There will be a basket dinner at 12:30, and a centennial program at 2 p.m. Burton Gregory has prepared a Centennial Booklet, which will be available that day.

We would be pleased if you could be with us. If it should be impossible for you to come, we would be happy to have a written greeting.

Please pray with us that this observance will be not only a day of thanksgiving to God for His gracious blessings through the years but also a day of challenge and vision for the future of our church.

—The Centennial Committee
Mt. Ayr Friends Church

NORTHWEST YEARLY MEETING



FAB Sponsors 'House-raising'

Friends Action Board is sponsoring a "house-raising"!

This grew out of a concern on the part of FAB members for Quentin Nurdyke, new associate superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting, and his wife Florene and their three children. Recently returned from 13 years of mission work, the Nurdykes faced the multiple problems of inflation, a growing family, and total absence of equity with which to make a down payment on a home.

So, with the help of contractor Kent Miner (assistant pastor at West Chehalem), who will provide his expertise and materials at cost, and Clyde Thomas, who will serve as "on-the-job foreman," construction is beginning. Friends Action Board is arranging for volunteer labor. George Fox College students cleared the lot, Russell Baker did the excavating, and other volunteers poured and finished the concrete. Volunteers have already been se-

cured in several other skill areas, including electrical work, roofing, and general carpentry.

Friends Action Board hopes to make this a model for many other "community-caring" projects.

George Fox College

"Black Experience Week" drew nearly 100 George Fox students and faculty members back to the campus just preceding the start of the fall term as the college sponsored a week-long look into the history, culture, and current situation of blacks in the U.S.

Guest speakers were William Bentley, president of the National Black Evangelical Association; Ruth Bentley, Department of Psychology, Trinity College; Aaron Hamlin, field director for the NBEA, employee of Friends Action Board, and GFC board member; and several black educators from the Northwest.

Conference topics at the miniterm included racial identity for both blacks and whites, the rise and development of black Christianity, black literature, and understanding

the crisis of being black in a white community. Special sessions were held for faculty, administration, and student leaders on how the white members of the college community might better relate to the special needs of the black students.

Open to the Newberg community, the conference was offered for full college credit (3 hours) or on a non-credit basis. George Fox this fall has 21 blacks on campus, compared to seven a year ago.

George Fox opened its doors for the 84th time October 3 with the start of fall term classes for a record 480 students. A week-long orientation program involved 214 new and/or transfer students.

Greeting students were four new faculty members: Ralph Beebe in history; John Freeman in economics; Bruce Longstroth in social services; and Audrey Burton as assistant librarian. Several new part-time members also have been added.

The official and formal start of the new year was October 16 with the annual convocation. Featured was Dr. Gordon Werkema, executive director of the national Christian Col-

lege Consortium. George Fox was selected for membership in the 12-member association in January. Highlighting his appearance was a special taping of a program to be nationally circulated on the topic of faculty development.

Greenleaf Friends Academy

Greenleaf Academy opened the year with 109 students enrolled, equal to the 1973-74 enrollment. This number is the theme for a new maintenance scholarship club called the "109 Club," introduced this fall by Principal Ken Smitherman.

Fifty-four students tried out for concert choir. Forty were chosen, and the director, Wesley Folsom, reports excitement is high for a very representative concert choir this year.

Al Fisher, Greenleaf, Idaho, class of '50, is the Academy Alumni Association president and is coordinating the fourth annual Alumni Telethon. The alumni hope to raise \$12,000 for the school this year.

The GFA Women's Auxiliary sponsored the annual "Harvest Dinner" on behalf of the Academy on October 24.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN YEARLY MEETING

Midwinter Program Announced

Dates: December 27, 1974-

January 1, 1975

Place: Quaker Ridge Camp

Cost: \$35

Ages: In the 9th grade this year

and older

Theme: The Spirit of '75

Again this year, Rocky Mountain and Kansas Yearly Meetings are combining their midwinter activities. Coordinator Stan Perisho has announced that Bob Hess of Malone College, Canton, Ohio, will be the featured speaker. Those serving on the Camp Committee include Paul Snyder, registration; Larry Conant, recreation; Ed Sanders, devotions; Paul Bock, music; and Arden Kinser, seminars. Music during the session will be provided by an ensemble from Friends Bible College, Haviland, Kansas.

Youth in the above age bracket are encouraged to attend. Seminars will be held on such topics as "How to Handle Your Fears," "Testing the Spirits and Discernment and God's Guidance," and "Personal Discipline."

Other events being planned include snowmobiles and tubing; snowballs, fights and forts; table games; and others.

Contact your youth sponsors or pastors for further information, or write Paul Moser, 3113½ North 55th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68104.

Men's Retreat To Be Held

All men and boys (school age and up) are encouraged to be a part of the first Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting Quaker Men's Retreat to be held November 15-17, at Quaker Ridge Camp. Theme for this weekend will be "Christian Concept of Manhood." If you don't have a son, adopt one, or bring your brother, nephew or come alone—BUT DO PLAN TO ATTEND. For more information, contact your pastor.

Persecution Brings Strength

I fear that many of us really know nothing of the cost of persecution that faces Christians in some cultures of the world. We do not relish the thought of persecution, but God's Word proves the fact that Christians become stronger in the face of opposition.

One of our faithful Christians recently experienced very trying times in her relationship with her relatives. She seemed restless, asking about a way up the mountain. Since her home was not there, one could not help but wonder her reason for wanting to go. After several days she returned on foot from a friend's camp on the mountain. It was evident she did not wish to return home.

Although she had no car, she had planned to come to the mission in time for her responsibility of teaching Sunday school classes the next day. She asked the privilege of staying in one of the cabins back of the mission for a few days.

There were several factors contributing to the situation in which she

found herself. Her mother, who has always clung to a false belief, has shown such resentment to this Christian—her daughter—that at times she has been forced to leave the confines of the home. In a time of illness the mother was wanting to rely on the help of unbelievers rather than the help of her daughter's true faith in God. The resentment had apparently been so strong that she felt it was best to leave for a short time.

After a number of days, the daughter returned home to live in a house a short distance from her mother. One day she was visiting another of our Christian ladies, who is also facing a difficult time. She lives a consistent Christian testimony before an untrue husband who is not willing to take his stand for Christ. For some

time he pretended he could live on the side of Christ and Satan simultaneously.

These two Christian ladies were comparing their similar experiences of persecution. The latter lady was being opposed by her kinfolk due to her refusal to take part in ceremonies being held for a sick relative. The former lady, being able to read, gave her admonition from God's Word and her own experiences. Such is the privilege of fellowship enjoyed by Christian friends.

As one considers such events in the light of eternity, what a wonderful time that will be in heaven, as saints of all ages talk with one another of God's overcoming grace in their many trials here on earth.

—Mary Gafford

Friends gather



ALLIANCE, Ohio

Each month having five Sundays means the youth are in charge of the last evening service. On September 29, they presented a novel program under the direction of our associate pastor, Gary Macy. Following special songs and sharing, they patterned their presentation after the well-known TV program, *To Tell the Truth*. Two groups of youth panelists sought to determine which was the real Gary Moore, policeman from Canton, Ohio; and the real Mark Goodwin, special investigator with the FBI, of Poland, Ohio. Both men gave their personal testimonies when their identity was revealed.

The youth have been busy picking apples and taking them to the press, then selling the hundreds of gallons of cider to raise money for missions.

Marjorie Myers presented interesting highlights and events of her recent attendance at the International Congress on World Evangelization at Lausanne, Switzerland, to the Quaker Circle Ladies Missionary group.

Retired Pastor Herbert Handy has recently published a book, *Inspirational Poems*.

BELLEFONTAINE, Ohio

Sixteen young married couples and our pastor enjoyed a three day camp-out over the Labor Day weekend. Pastor Burch led three seminar classes on the following subjects: "Me," "Me and My Mate," and "Me, My Mate, and My Family." The highlight of the retreat was the final campfire service, when God was with us and we spent more than three hours praising, sharing, and praying. Several homes were changed as a result of this retreat.

Our church had a week of visitation. Over 200 visits were made with good results and much inspiration.

BOISE, Idaho

Our pastor and youth minister attended Yearly Meeting in Newberg in August. Delegates from our church were Mabel Snodgrass and Ed and Cora Hansen. We were given a report Wednesday evening, September 11.

Effective September 1, 1974, a change was made in our Sunday time schedule. Morning worship at 9:30 a.m., Sunday school 10:35 a.m., fellowship 11:20 a.m., and evening worship at 7 p.m.

Sunday morning sermons are being recorded for our Cassette Library. It has been suggested that these tapes be used when vacationers are traveling.

More than 100 attended Family Camp Labor Day weekend at Quaker Hill; 33 were from our church.

High school and college age young people held a Youth Advance in the mountains September 13-14. In addition to hiking, swimming, and eating, last year's program was evaluated and plans were made for this year's youth activities.

Beginning September 8, a junior church was established. Included are preschoolers (4 and 5 year olds) and primary (1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders).

A member of our Team Ministry taught the Billy Graham Christian Life and Witness course three Sunday afternoons in September at the Second Baptist Church.

BOSTON HEIGHTS Hudson, Ohio

Two teen-age girls from our church, Beth and Anna Boyd, toured

the Central American Friends Yearly Meeting Missions in Guatemala and Honduras. They reported back to our church September 29 in the evening service with slides and an excitement for missions.

On October 3-6, we had our fall revival service with Earl Smith from West Park Friends Church. The Walter Krause family from North Olmsted brought special music each evening.

Sunday, October 6, we showed the film, *A Thief in the Night*, and in the afternoon we had a fellowship dinner with a singspiration following.

The Sid Boyd family have been a blessing to our district and other districts close by, with their singing and testimonies.

Our pastor, Richard Gessling, and the Sunday school superintendent, Glenn Miller, will be visiting various churches concerning our missionary vision.

Dean Johnson will be visiting all the churches in our district representing Friends Action Board Disaster Service.

We at Boston Heights praise the Lord for the great things He has done and is doing with our people.

CALVARY, Columbus, Ohio

Our church had Roundup Sunday September 22, 1973. As a special treat, we had as visitors Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mosher, lay people from the Orange Friends Church. They went to Taiwan last June with the Malone College Choir. During Bible school and church, they shared their many exciting experiences with us through many beautiful slides.

On September 29, we had Generation Sunday. We had four generations of Ruby Miller's family come to our church!

Our Missionary Convention was October 4, 5, 6, 1974. Friday evening, October 4, Catherine Cattell, our former pastor's wife, spoke. She had many interesting facts to share with us regarding the past year of labors among our missionary churches. On Saturday, following a lunch at the church for everyone, Paul Williams, pastor of the Friends Church near Wadsworth, Ohio, spoke. He and his wife also made the trip to Taiwan last June. On Sunday, Barbara Brantingham, who has spent 10 years in Taiwan with her family, spoke to the church during morning service. Dr. W. E. DeVol, our missionary in India, spoke at the evening service. It was a very exciting and informative weekend for our church people.

COLORADO SPRINGS Colorado

There were thirteen ladies from our church who attended the Rocky Mountain Yearly Meeting Women's Missionary Union Retreat at West Cliff, Colorado, September 27-29. This time was well spent in fellowship and recreation.

Shirley Davison and Eleanor Harrison spent a weekend in Oregon, attending the Northwest Yearly Meeting Women's Retreat.

Fred Davison recently spent a weekend in Indianapolis, Indiana, representing our Yearly Meeting at special Friends meetings.

EAST GOSHEN, Beloit, Ohio

A month of family emphasis, culminating with our annual Rally Day, was well received among our members. An average of 21 complete families attended each Sunday, with eight three-generation families and two four-generation families being honored on "Generation Sunday." Families enjoyed the togetherness,

reminiscent of years gone by, during opening exercises each Sunday morning.

Our Missionary Conference featured John Brantingham, Robert Hess, Sherman Brantingham, Roger Wood, and a panel of laymen.

Elsie Matti Mission Helpers are once again sending off boxes of holiday goodies for our missionaries and servicemen.

ENTIAT, Washington

The Entiat Friends Church has been busy this month and throughout the summer.

The first Sunday in September was promotion Sunday for all the children going into a higher class in Sunday school. The last half hour of the Sunday school period there was coffee, cake, and punch to honor those being promoted. A lot of people came, and everyone had a good time.

The youth group at the church is in the process of building their Youth Center. They are selling stationery and Christmas cards and have had bake sales. The Youth Center is for the kids not only in our Friends Youth but all the kids of the community ages 13-18. The center will be open only at certain times on certain days. The center is located at Sarah and Conard Petersen's home. A lot of work needs to be done, but the youth group is having work days, and they are willing to help. The Lord has found a place to have the center, has provided over \$100, and is helping more everyday. People in the church have donated above the \$100 to start the project, and the youth are earning more slowly. The center is being built in the hope of bringing more kids into church and winning them to Christ.

The widows of the community, The Golden Belles, had their monthly luncheon Friday, September 20, at noon. All widows of the community are invited each month to these luncheons.

The youth group also have been going to the skating party the first Monday of each month. Every church of the area is invited to bring their youth group. There is skating, plus a time of singing and message.

In November the Area Rally is being held in Entiat. The five churches involved are Spokane, Hayden Lake, East Wenatchee, Quincy, and the Entiat Friends Churches. The youth group is also planning activities for this time, and some are beginning to work on special music.

FIRST DENVER, Colorado

One of the highlights of September was our annual Rally Day with special services and a potluck picnic.

Several of our teachers attended the George Fox Press Workshop held at the Colorado Springs church. All enjoyed the fellowship and felt it was an outstanding learning experience.

FULTON CREEK, Radnor, Ohio

Allan Ocampo from Central Methodist Church, Richwood, spoke to the congregation on Missionary Prayer Meeting night. Allan Ocampo is from the Philippines and spoke on how thankful we should be just living in the States.

September 22 was our Old-Fashioned Quaker Meeting. In preparation for traveling to Goshen for the final program of the centennial activities, men and women wore old-fashioned clothing and were seated on opposite sides of the church. Prayer, testimony, sharing of thoughts, quiet communication,

and singing were the inspirations of the morning.

Fifth Sunday evening the senior FY hosted the services and held a lively audience participation discussion on the question of amnesty. Nothing was settled, but some very interesting ideas on the subject were heard.

GREENLEAF, Idaho

Vera Wilhite assumed her duties as church secretary August 19.

Our college young people are attending several different schools. Claudia Leppert is in Spokane for her college work. Janis Sako attends the College of Idaho. Paul Fodge, Dick Selby, Rawlen Smith, Dennie Conant, Debbie Goins, and Jeanne and Kathy Hackworth are at George Fox College. Larry and Mike Dawson are at Boise State University, Eileen and Elaine Leppert at Northwest Nazarene College. Terrell Smith, Chris Binford, Cindy Selby, and Luann Smith are at Friends Bible College in Haviland, Kansas. Roger Tish is attending Idaho State University, and Karen Comfort is in the Eastern Idaho Vocational-Technical School in Pocatello.

Sharon Fodge is teaching at Hillcrest Christian College in Canada.

The three WMU groups sponsored a food pounding for Terry and Jan Hibbs September 4. They plan to return to Paramaribo, Surinam, in January, where Terry is a pilot and mechanic for MAF. Their twin daughters, Jerrie and Kerrie, celebrated their fourth birthday with delight on September 15 assisted by all the grandparents and great grandparents.

Cyril and Eleanor Puckett observed their 50th wedding anniversary August 10 in Friendship Hall. Nearly all their children were present and attended the Sunday morning worship the next day.

HAYDEN LAKE, Idaho

Our pastors, Bob Schneider and "Buz" Bloodgood, and families spent the week of August 12 at Newberg attending Yearly Meeting. On Friday night, they were joined by the additional members of a musical ensemble from Hayden Lake Friends, "Friendly Sound," and presented the special music in the Friday evening service.

On Sunday evening, September 15, the church held an old-fashioned pounding for Dave and Debbie Powell, who have come to us as both youth ministers and directors of our newly-organized Day Care Center.

There are a number of weekly Bible study groups in progress, and through these outreach is being seen not only in our community but in surrounding areas as well.

We are continuing to hold two worship services on Sunday morning, with the Sunday school hour between the services. In addition, we have started a "Shepherding Program" and feel very positive response from our people through this. This approach is enabling us, as a church body, to become better acquainted with the other families in the congregation, and this personal contact with each other has been a tremendous force for making us feel truly united and as one.

The Christmas cantata, "The Wonder of Christmas," will be given by the church choir on December 13, under the direction of Bob Schneider.

HIGHLAND AVENUE Salem, Oregon

Highland Avenue Friends Church, founded in 1891 under Iowa Yearly

Meeting of Friends, is still on the map according to Salem Urban Renewal Planning Development Commission. Many houses have been removed west of the church to make a Highland School, Neighborhood Park and Playground, which also may be used by the church and Sunday school young people. We invite you to visit Highland Avenue Friends and see the new approach.

The church roof has been re-shingled, and the paint fund is growing, looking forward to a new paint job next year.

Highland was well represented at the July Area Rally at Rosedale, which consisted of an outdoor business session and an old-fashioned picnic.

We are happy to report that Sunday school teachers' quarterlies for the past two quarters have been sent to Kenya, Africa, to be distributed by Friends Bible Institute to the Kenya Friends Sunday schools. This project was sponsored by Highland Avenue Friends, George Fox Press, and Barclay Press.

Several from Highland attended Yearly Meeting and brought back fine reports.

Delia English is missed very much. She has gone to be with her Lord, whom she loved and served. She was a faithful member for 60 years of our church.

The Tuesday morning women's prayer meeting at the parsonage with the pastor's wife Alice Barnett has been a blessing to all the ladies who can attend.

September 1 after the evening service, the Sunday school young people were surprised to find their summer secret pals revealed as we matched puzzles and had homemade ice cream and cake together.

We enjoyed the Dick Zeller family, who sang at the September 29 morning service, after which a fellowship dinner was served.

Highland School release time Bible classes will again be held at our church with leaders from Child Evangelism and our own members assisting.

MARION, Oregon

Babe Smith, our junior high Sunday school teacher, just returned from a tour of the Holy Land. We thank God for these enriching experiences that enable our teachers to add interest to their Bible instruction.

Forty-five young people of the community met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hickman Saturday evening, October 5, for the first social of the fall season. Under the able leadership of Ralph and Nancy Frey, all reported a wonderful time.

During the month of September, nine of our junior high young people with their teacher went to sing, once at the Gospel Mission in Salem and once at the Marion Nursing Home in Sublimity.

The young married folk have been busy laying carpet, adding new curtains, and painting Sunday school rooms.

We appreciated very much the four young people sent to us by Child Evangelism to conduct our second week of DVBS. There was an average attendance of 21.

About 60 people enjoyed the annual Harvest Dinner served on a table on the front lawn at Pat and Linda McLaughlins. While the older people visited and sat on chairs, the young people and children found the grass comfortable and enjoyed playing in the backyard.

NEWBERG, Oregon

Sunday evening, September 1, Peter Snow used clay and the potter's wheel and talked about what Scripture says about "the potter and the clay"—our lives in God's hands.

Sunday evening, September 8, Steve Stewart reported on his experiences at the International Congress on World Evangelization held in Lausanne, Switzerland, and Quentin Nordyke gave information about trends in world missions.

Kids Krusade was held each Wednesday evening during September.

David Morken, minister-at-large for World Vision International, was speaker at the Sunday services on September 15.

The College Class Retreat was at Mt. Hood September 13-15. Couples Retreat was at Camp Tillikum September 27-29.

Bill Bentley, president of the National Black Evangelical Association, and Aaron Hamlin, field director for NBEA, were speakers on Sunday evening, September 22. This was the beginning of George Fox College Black Experience Week.

Christian Education Training Seminars were held on three Sunday evenings in October, with Loren Mills, Betty Hockett, and Richard Foster as speakers.

Loren and Betty Mills were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary at a reception on August 25 in the Conference Room of Northwest Yearly Meeting headquarters.

Harlow and Gertrude Ankeny were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary at an Open House on September 8.

NORTHSIDE, Grinnell, Iowa

We experienced a very successful Missionary Outreach Conference here at Northside. Special guest speakers included Superintendent Russell Myers, Dr. and Mrs. Everett Cattell, and George Primes. Among the many activities were ladies' coffees, a buffet banquet, a men's prayer breakfast, a weiner roast, and inspirational services. We are especially happy to report the good response to the Faith Promise Giving service, during which we surpassed our goal.

PENIEL, Onemo, Virginia

Summer included some extra activities for groups from our church. Our young people, accompanied by several adults, spent a day bike riding on the Colonial Parkway. They enjoyed a picnic on the Ringfield Picnic Grounds. Our Young Adult Class sponsored a trip to Tangier Island. Forty-four attended and enjoyed a buffet lunch at the Chesapeake House.

PRATT, Kansas

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day was observed in October by Pratt Friends Church. Area City, County, and State personnel and their families were invited to our services and the noon meal provided by our congregation. This was to show appreciation for their work all year around. A number of visitors attended, and the fellowship was a blessing.

Our new organ is a great addition to our worship. Dedication service was October 13. We praise the Lord for supplying the means that we may enjoy the added inspiration of praise by the organ.

For our Thanksgiving season, the WMU will have charge of a supper for the entire church with the Choate and Fuqua families as our guests.

Larry and Mileta Kinser will be with us for evangelistic services November 20-24. The Holy Spirit is

working in our midst, and as we pray for the services, we trust for greater movings by the Spirit. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

REEDWOOD, Portland, Oregon

The first fall workshop for nursing home workers was again successful with some 28 in attendance. Speakers were Elsa Marshall of Union Gospel Missions Golden Harvest Department and Margaret Burkquist, R.N., coordinator of Reality Orientation from Willamette View Manor Convalescent Center. After a delightful lunch under the direction of Nadine Knight, Jack Willicuts conducted a problem-solving clinic. Devotions were led by Pastor Johnny Bullock of Rosedale Friends Church.

Reedwood fellowship was delighted with the final concert of Celebration Singers before their September tour of Hawaii.

Richard (D. J.) Johnson has joined the pastoral team at Reedwood. He is graduating at Western Evangelical Seminary this year and is working half time at Reedwood in charge of junior high and high school departments. Fourteen youth and four leaders recently enjoyed the lingering warm fall weather at a retreat near Rockaway.

A high school graduate fellowship was formed at Reedwood to help the transition of high school fellowship to the new status in church life. This is especially helpful for those not going on to college.

Circles of Concern started the fall season off with a retreat at Camp Tillikum. Gary Fawver was in charge of the sharing sessions; his wife Sue served the meals.

SPOKANE, Washington

Our fall program was opened with "A Family Affair" contest, which has helped to increase our attendance. "Generation Day" was especially well accepted and brought several three- and four-generation families.

Twelve active members and four associate members have recently been added to our fellowship and were welcomed with an all-church picnic.

Several from our meeting recently attended the International Center of Learning Seminar and gained valuable new skills in teaching Sunday school effectively. We are also thankful for the training of some new Sunday school teachers.

The newest addition to our services was a beautiful church-model organ. On October 6 we had a dedicatory service for the organ with several local organists contributing to the service.

SPRINGFIELD, Colorado

Pastors Lyle and Peggy Whiteman were the only ones from our congregation able to attend Kansas Yearly Meeting sessions. They reported a Spirit-filled and inspiring week. Then they traveled on to Alliance, Ohio, to visit Peggy's parents and attended some sessions of Eastern Region's yearly meeting.

We have begun a Sunday evening study of the book of Acts. We are studying to see how we measure up to the early church and what we can learn from them to make us better disciples.

Our study of Acts is in conjunction with our pastor's current message series on the church—what it is—and what our role in it is. The presence of the Holy Spirit has been felt in our midst in a new way in recent months, and we feel that He has a real "mission" for us and we want to be ready when He reveals it to us.

The Missionary Society sponsored a garage sale that netted \$278.15.

The worst thing that can happen to any church in any town is to be ignored. We don't want to be ignored by our community. Are you ignored by your community?

TONGANOXIE, Kansas

One hundred ten years of service to the community and witnessing for Christ were recognized in special Homecoming services October 13, 1974. Pastor Leslie Warner reported a basket dinner was held in the church basement to celebrate this special occasion, which climaxed a week of special meetings with Parker Craig, pastor of Tennessee Prairie Friends, as special speaker.

UNIVERSITY, Wichita, Kansas

A task force of Ministry and Counsel prepared a program entitled "Ministries of Love." Members of the congregation were appointed as facilitators to direct a planning day, October 27. On this day, members of the meeting were asked to share their dreams and aspirations and to enter into a process of individual searching and sensitization to each person's particular ministry. The morning service focused on our broad possibilities for ministry. It was followed by a fellowship carry-in dinner. During the afternoon, small groups were formed to allow all dreams and concerns to be explored. Following these, we came together for a light supper and rejoicing. Excitement grew as the Lord presented possibilities of ministries to our meeting.

Brad and Hannah Rishel of our meeting are engaged in volunteer service with the United States Committee for Oceans. They work close-

ly with the Friends Committee on National Legislation and are living in the William Penn House in Washington, D.C.

URBANA, Ohio

Betty Smith, ventriloquist, and "Andy" were our guests in Sunday school on September 15. Miss Smith told how God is leading her to full-time work, enabling her to carry God's Word to many places. Our church participated in the Western District Centennial by having a traditional Quaker service on the morning of September 22. Several of our ladies were in the pageant held at the Goshen Friends Church.

WESTGATE, Columbus, Ohio

The ladies Bible study group has started a special study on "God's Divine Order for the Wife," led by Mary Evans. Quite a number have come out on Wednesday morning to learn how to become better Christian wives.

On September 8, George Primes presented the message. He is the director of our Inner-city Ministry in Canton, Ohio.

Westgate Friends Church held its first Annual Church Banquet in September. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and enjoyed the guest speaker, Tom Barrington.

WEST MANSFIELD, Ohio

Donald Anderson of Richwood, Ohio, was guest speaker Sunday, August 25, at our worship service. He brought a very challenging and inspirational message.

Several of our members participated in the Western District Centennial held September 21-22 at Goshen Church near Zanesfield, Ohio.

MADDOX—A daughter, Amy Elizabeth, September 7, 1974, to Jim and Rhea Maddox of Columbus, Ohio.

MORGAN—A daughter, Ann Marie, September 4, 1974, to Marv and Vicky Morgan, First Denver Friends, Colorado.

VAN METER—A son, Nathan Earl, August 4, 1974, to Bud and Judy Van Meter of First Denver Friends, Colorado.

WAFLE—A daughter, Karen Sue, August 1, 1974, to William and Charlotte Wafle of Alliance, Ohio.

WARBRICK—To Gyne and Mary Warbrick of Hayden Lake Friends, Idaho, a daughter, Laurie Hall, July 31, 1974.

WEESE—Twin daughters, Amy Elaine and Deborah Lee, May 25, 1974, to Ron and Sandy Weese of Hudson, Ohio.

MARRIAGES

BAUMAN-BLAND. Judy Bauman and Jay Bland, September 14, 1974, at Damascus, Ohio.

COOK-COURTNEY. Linda Cook and Myron Courtney, September 7, 1974, at Damascus, Ohio.

DICKSON-SIMS. Robin Dickson and Robert Sims, August 3, 1974, Alliance Friends, Alliance, Ohio.

ENGLER-FEGLEY. Patricia Engler and Don Fegley, September 7, 1974, at Damascus, Ohio.

FLOHR-WATTERS. Barb Flohr and Terry Watters, September 21, 1974, Westgate Friends, Columbus, Ohio.

HERSHBERGER - AUFRANCE. Cynthia Hershberger and David Aufrance, August 10, 1974, Walnut Creek Mennonite Church.

JEFFRIES-MUNDT. Janet Jeffries and Mike Mundt at Hayden Lake Friends, Idaho, August 10, 1974.

KERR-PEARCE. Kathy Kerr and Larry Pearce, September 21, 1974, at Damascus, Ohio.

MARDOCK-HAMPTON. Phyllis Mardock and David Hampton, both of Newberg Friends, Oregon, August 24, 1974.

MARTIN-MCKEE. Patricia Martin and Dean McKee, both of Eden Immanuel Friends, North Carolina, October 12, 1974.

MILLER-HUGHES. Evangeline Miller and Gary Hughes, August 31, 1974, Circleville, Ohio.

MILLER-MILLER. Joyce Miller and James Miller, July 6, 1974, at Hayden Lake Friends, Idaho.

MILLER-THORNBURG. Barbara Jo Miller to Philip Bryan Thornburg, August 31, Longview, Washington.

PHILLIPS-SMITH. Kathy Lynn Phillips and Bruce Smith, September 14, 1974, East Goshen Friends, Beloit, Ohio.

POLASKY-STEARNES. Anne Polasky and Jim Stearns, July 16, 1974, West Park Friends, Cleveland, Ohio.

ROBERTSON-MOORE. Karen Robertson and Allen Moore, August 17, 1974, First Friends, Marysville, Ohio.

RODIN-SANDERS. Joy Rodin of San Luis Obispo, California, and Arden G. Sanders of Wichita, Kansas, August 17, 1974.

WESTBY-WILLIAMS. Kathy Westby and Dwayne Williams, September 21, 1974, at Homedale Friends, Idaho.

YENNIE-SCHENK. Steffanie Yennie and Mike Schenk, September 22, 1974, East Goshen Friends, Beloit, Ohio.

DEATHS

BETZ—Lester Betz, 78, Alliance, Ohio, September 8, 1974.

CHRISTENSON—Lila (Mrs. Ralph) Christenson, September 25, 1974, Friendswood, Texas.

COLEMAN—Ethel F. Coleman, Willoughby Hills Friends, Willoughby, Ohio, July 31, 1974.

ENGLE—Silas Engle of Colorado Springs, Colorado First Friends, October 8, 1974.

ENGLISH—Delia Riggs English, 88, of Highland Avenue Friends, Salem, Oregon, September 23, 1974.

FOLEY—Harold Foley, September 19, 1974, Hutchinson, Kansas.

GOSSARD—Cecil B. Gossard, 82, of Medford Friends, Oregon, September 30, 1974, in Newberg, Oregon.

KASCHKO—Virgie E. Kaschko, 81, of Newberg Friends, Oregon, September 9, 1974.

LAUTZENHEISER—Russell Lautzenheiser, Damascus, Ohio, September 4, 1974.

LEWIS—Mary Eunice Lewis, 90, of Rockaway, Oregon, September 22, 1974, member Newberg Friends.

LOUTHAN—Emma (Mrs. Sam) Louthan, 83, September 16, 1974, Seiling, Oklahoma.

LOUTHAN—Goldie Louthan, 77, September 23, 1974, Seiling, Oklahoma.

MACY—Philip Gayer Macy, 53, September 17, 1974, Salem, Oregon.

MYLANDER—Homer Mylander, September 16, 1974, Spokane, Washington.

NICE—Mattie Ferris (Mrs. Nelson) Nice, 84, October 7, 1974, of Northridge, Wichita, Kansas.

PARKER—Curtis W. Parker, 90, of Newberg Friends, Oregon, September 26, 1974.

REDINGER—Maud Myrtle Redinger, 85, June 21, 1974, Seiling, Oklahoma.

VAN WAGNER—Mildred Van Wagner (Mrs. Claud), 65, September 19, 1974. Burial at Independence, Kansas.

WHITE—Earl Hadley White, June 8, 1974, Lawrence, Kansas.

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BIRTHS

ALLEY—To Bruce and Kathy Alley of Hillsboro Friends, Oregon, a daughter, Debra Kathleen, July 17, 1974.

BROWN—A son, Jeb Scott, August 30, 1974, to Jim and Wanda (Jantz) Brown, Brenham, Texas.

BUCHANAN—A daughter, Angela Beth, July 11, 1974, to Larry and Corinne (Marmon) Buchanan of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

CAVENAUGH—A daughter, Bethanie Jo, August 10, 1974, to Michael and Jane Cavanaugh of West Mansfield, Ohio.

COX—A son, Dale Michael, September 7, 1974, to Allen and Carolyn Cox of Columbus, Ohio.

CRESS—A son, Derek Christopher, August 16, 1974, to Glen and Sharon Cress, Friendswood, Texas.

DAWKINS—A son, Keith Gregory, September 16, 1974, to Bob and Jenny Dawkins of Hudson, Ohio.

DEVNICH—To Darryl and Marilyn (Winters) Devnich of Newberg Friends, Oregon, a son, Derek Clark, June 29, 1974, in Heidelberg, Germany.

EASTMAN—A daughter, Jody Dell, August 3, 1974, to John and Jane Eastman of West Mansfield, Ohio.

FAGAN—A daughter, Sara, September 7, 1974, to Bob and Ruthann Fagan of University Friends, Wichita, Kansas.

FITCH—To Richard and Rose (Benett) Fitch, an adopted son, Damian Lucas, born May 3, 1974.

HARGAS—A daughter, April 1974, to Jim and Toni Hargas of Willoughby Hills, Ohio.

HAYS—To Ronald and Phyllis Hays of Hillsboro Friends, Oregon, a son, Jonathan Gordon, September 12, 1974, in Corvallis.

HOFFMAN—A daughter, Rebecca Elaine, September 13, 1974, to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hoffman, Damascus, Ohio.

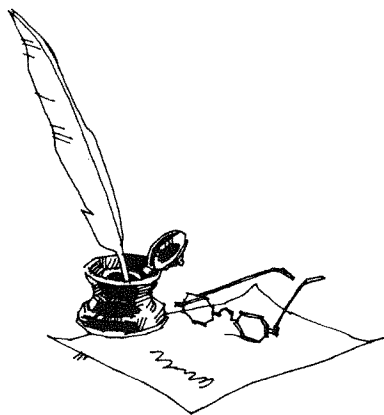
HOMSHER—A son, Shawn Michael, August 16, 1974, to John and Diane Homsher, Marysville, Ohio.

JAMISON—A daughter, Amy Christine, May 27, 1974, to Dan and Terry Jamison, pastors at Grand Junction, Colorado, Friends.

JONES—A daughter, Jennifer Lynn, August 17, 1974, to Ron and Carmen Jones of Alliance, Ohio.

KATZ—To Dennis and Sue Katz of Newberg Friends, Oregon, a daughter, Tanya Ann, August 27, 1974.

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Ancestors do not make me

This is in response and in addition to the article written by Art Carranza in the July, 1974, edition of *EVANGELICAL FRIEND* entitled "In Order to Be Men."

When will it be fashionable to be just a plain American born in the United States? I have a Spanish surname, which I inherited through marriage, but I am of Scandinavian background. I have natural blond hair and blue eyes. But according to the description as given in the 1972 Amendment to the 1964 Civil Rights Act, I am a "minority" since I have the Spanish surname. The "minority" description does not say that I have to be of Spanish origin, just that I bear the Spanish surname, Cordova.

For the information of the readers, I would like to explain that the term *Anglo* means English or a person of English descent. I am an American whose ancestors came from Sweden. In an old encyclopedia I found my maiden name *Cronstedt*. This probable ancestor or relative was Baron Axel Frederic Cronstedt, a Swedish minerologist and chemist

who discovered nickel. There is a mineral *cronstedtite* named after him.

I am sure if each one of us would go into our backgrounds, we would find we are mixed ancestored Americans born in the United States. My children certainly fit that category. They bear the "Cordova" surname, but with my blond hair they are not totally of Spanish origin. According to the Cordova history, there is American Indian, Spanish, French, Italian, German, and a possible Arab in their history. According to the 1972 Civil Rights Amendment, only the Spanish and American Indian is a "minority." With my Swedish ancestors, my children have seven cultural backgrounds.

All of the Old World cultures have added their specialty or identity to our American way of life. We are not only a "melting pot" through intermarriage, but we are also a "melting pot" of cultures. I like beans and chili, Chinese, Italian, German, Swedish, and other foods that are attributable to a particular culture. At our house there seems to be no other vegetable than corn that came from the Indians of the United States. We have many beautiful horses from the Arabs. The Spanish are responsible for our cowboys. The blacks have added much to our native music—the blues. Look at the variety of drums attributable to the Africans and our native Indians. Also, my favorite art originated in the Japanese culture.

I do not go along with the theory of evolution. I know I am a descendant of Adam and Eve. According to science we each have genes that are passed from one generation to another. But where did the original genes come from? Adam.

By what route we got to be the color we are only God knows. Only God could trace us through our ancestors from Adam to where we are right now. Eve was taken from Adam, so the genes of Adam would have been duplicated in Eve. Genes are passed from one generation to another, but certain genes become stronger, which has made us individuals. We are as we are in the scheme of things. The genes gave us our physical characteristics, but God gave us our life, our souls, our minds, and this is an individual thing. We come in as individuals and we go out as individuals. Our soul, mind, and heart make up what we are, not our ancestors, culture, or our outer color.

Did you ever try to find a word in the dictionary to describe a person who is born in the United States? I have not been able to find one word to describe a citizen of the United States. *American* can describe a native of North, Central, or South America, so the term *American* does not really put us as natives of the United States. North American doesn't even do it, because Canadians are also North Americans.

I am a citizen of the United States. God chose that I be born in this country and I am thankful He did. In this country there have been and will probably always be citizens who will be discriminated against unless we put God in leadership again. Believing in God and the resurrected Christ does not make anyone of us perfect in our own right. We still stumble and fall, but we who truly believe keep looking to God for support and leadership. When we forget to do this we err. When Jesus was living among us, He took down the barriers to different people. At the Tower of Babel, men were given different tongues because they tried to live without God as their leader. Jesus took that all away when He conquered Satan.

Satan would like all of us to erect as many barriers as possible to separate us from one another. We can create many barriers as to race, creed, color, sex, national origin, and religion when we forget to include God as our leader. The perfect birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus was to do away with the barriers.

I am proud to be a citizen of the United States. I thank God for that blessing. I am a mixed ancestored American born in the United States simply because I have a mother and a father who had their own set of ancestors. My children are mixed ancestored Americans because of their father and me. These ancestors are interesting, but they are only my history, not my destination. God holds my destination.

MARGUERITE G. CORDOVA
Denver, Colorado

'The laying on of hands'

I was glad to see your editorial on the laying on of hands. It is extremely critical to understand that enlistment and not volunteers is the biblical pattern, and that a "call" comes mainly to the community and not the individual (Acts 13).

However, it is also important to be clear that the biblical doctrine of the laying on of hands is far more than a nice symbol for recruitment—it is a clear recognition of the power of contact and transmittal. When in faith we lay hands on a fellow believer, something *actually* happens between the hand of the blessing and the body of the blessed. I know this not only from the teaching of Scripture but from experience as well. This is not something to be institutionalized (the error of Romanism) nor disregarded (the error of Quakers and most Protestants) but to be gladly received and freely exercised.

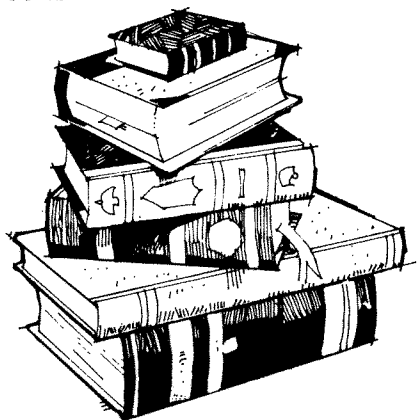
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James F. Coppedge, Evolution: Possible or Impossible, Zondervan Publishing House, 276 pages, paperback, \$3.95.

The author is director of the Center for Probability Research in Biology in Northridge, California. He presents a new approach to the study of evolution, using the modern probability theory.

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He shows in astronomical figures the improbability of the appearance of proteins and the DNA molecule by chance and the impossibility of natural selection in primal development of proteins.

He attempts to use nontechnical language in explaining the mystery of left-handed molecules in proteins and composition of the DNA molecule. This is a worthy effort, but one without recent study in biology will find these sections rather difficult to comprehend.

However, most of the book is within the scope of the intelligent reader, es-

pecially the explanation of the probability theory, the failures of natural selection, the assumed evidence of evolution, examples of phenomena unexplainable by evolution, and the quotations from scientists indicating their uncertainties.

This is a significant book, especially to students of science and to those who have assumed that evolution is a fact. The creationist has no reason to be intimidated.

—Walter P. Lee

Tim LaHaye, How to Win over Depression, Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1974, \$2.95 in paper.

Depression has been declared the nation's number one mental health problem. It drives people away from their families, away from Jesus Christ, and it causes many forms of irrational behavior. Dr. LaHaye surveys this subject and gives a sketch of the major approaches to depression counseling. He discusses both the strengths and weaknesses of secular methodologies and then describes his own approach to this condition as an experienced Christian counselor.

Dr. LaHaye uncovers the causes of depression and illustrates in practical terms how depression operates on one's life. There are interesting chapters dealing with such areas as, "How to Help Your Children Avoid Depression," or "How to Help a Depressed Friend." This volume has to be one of the best works for laymen on the subject of depression. Do not read it until you are ready to conquer your depression.

—Jack C. Rea

Wilson W. Grant, M.D., From Parent to Child about Sex, Zondervan Publishing House, 183 pages, \$3.95; paperback \$1.95.

The intention of the author is to thoroughly cover the subject of sex education in the Christian home. Although said in many ways, the emphasis that seemed to come through to me was that if children are to conceive of sex in its proper relationship to love and marriage, they must learn it from loving, informed parents. The love of a husband and wife for each other is basic to, and is the very essence of, good sex education for their children.

There are chapters on Infancy and Early Childhood, Adolescence, Dating, Approaching Adulthood, etc. The church and sex education is the subject of one good chapter. At the end of each chapter there are questions for family discussion and thought.

The glossary of terms is very complete with easily understood language. Also included is a supplementary reading list, both for parents and for teens.

This book would be a good addition to the Christian home and is suitable for all ages.

—Marilyn Antrim

Over the Teacup

Continued

never lived here before, and our family and friends have difficulty finding us. There are no memories, no looking about for the familiar signs of home. We bring them with us and start the process of making this little place a warm, inviting nest—a place to live, a place where God will live with us, a place to share with family and friends. Coming home this time is different—it is our home with all the responsibility it involves, and guess who the maintenance crew will be!

Many ministers' wives are setting up households in a new place this autumn. I salute you and all other women who move about. I hope for you a happy homemaking whether your house is new this time or old, or whether you, too, have bought your own! Let us all make coming home a lovely experience every day.

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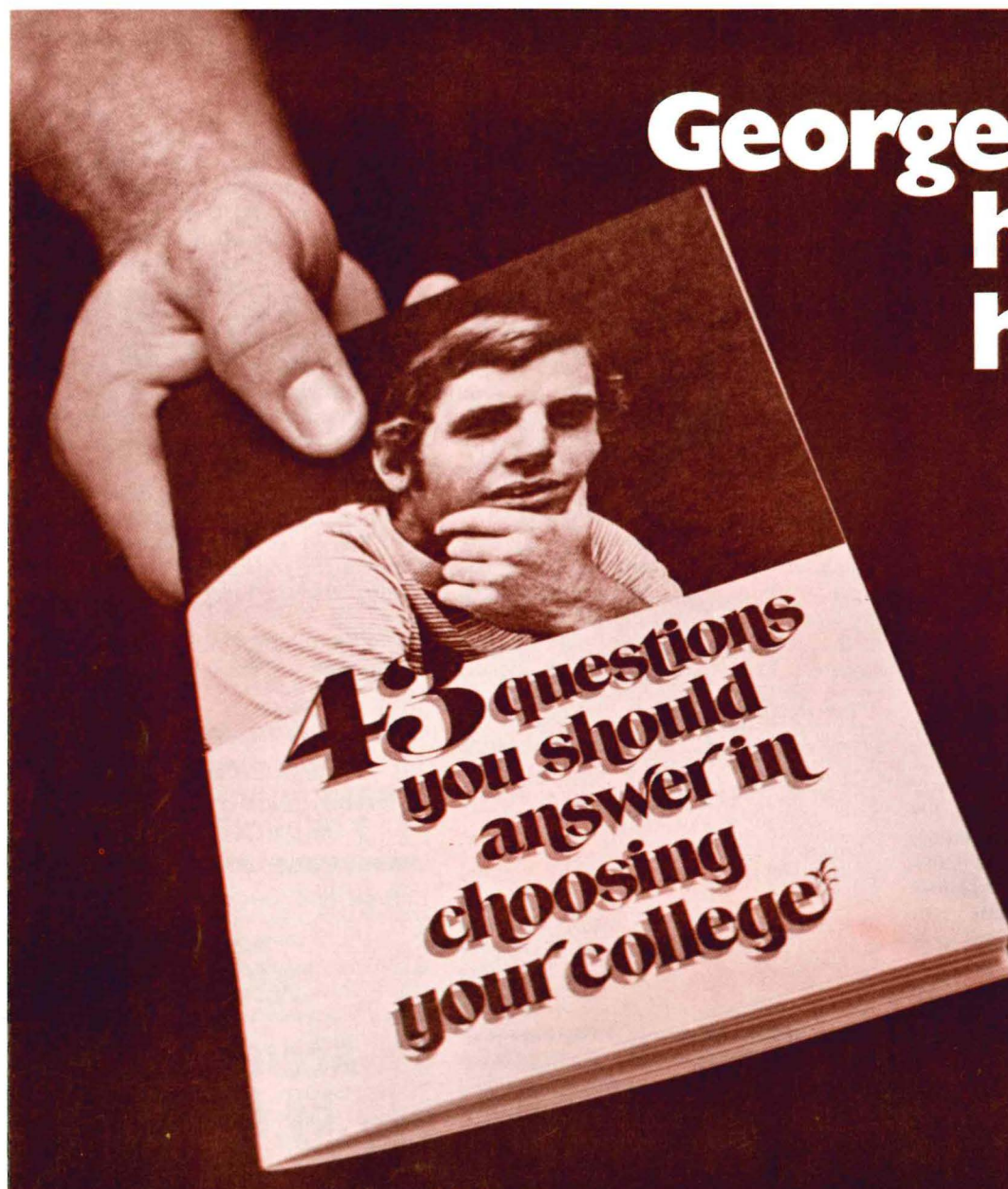
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